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The South India United Church

Vellore

September 25—29, 1915

The Assembly met in the South India United Church in Vellore at 2-30 P.M. The President, Rev. F. Kingsbury, conducted a devotional service, the central thought of which was "Nothing but Jesus Christ can unite us; and if we are united in Him nothing can divide us."

The Secretary called the roll. During the Assembly the following delegates were present :—

Madras Church Council

Rev. G. S. Vethanayagam, Chulai, Madras
" P. Arivanandam, Tindivanam
" L. R. Scudder, M.D., Ranipettai
" S. Sigamoni, Yehamur
" Y. Devasirvatham, Arconum
Mr. D. G. Moses, B.A., Chingleput
" M. David, Arcot
" M. J. Swaminathan, Ranipettai
" M. Samuel, Vizagapatam
" S. Rajamani, Royapuram, Madras

Arcot Church Council

Rev. Cephas Whitehead, Arni
" Samuel Francis, Bangalore
" E. C. Scudder, M.A., Ranipettai
" J. M. Sundaram, Chittoor
Mr. V. Gnanadickam, Conjeeveram
" V. P. Athisheshiah, B.A., Vellore
" S. Bartholomew, Katpadi

North Tamil Provincial Church Council

Rev. R. Robertson, B.D., Salem
" T. C. Witney, B.A., Salem
" A. Samuel, Coimbatore
" G. Gnanamuthu, Erode
Mr. R. S. Visuvasam, B.A., Erode
" P. J. Devasagayam, B.A., Coimbatore
" K. T. Paul, B.A., Salem

South Travancore Church Council

Rev. R. Sinclair, Nagercoil
,, S. Cave, B.A., B.D., Nagercoil
,, S. Devasahayam, B.A., Christukoil, Palliady
,, Timothy Daniel, Trivandrum
,, N. H. Harris, Neyoor
,, W. J. Edmunds, Quilon
Mr. Z. Samuel, Neyoor

Madura West Church Council

Rev. W. P. Elwood, M.A., Palni
,, V. Santiagu, Batlagundu
,, P. Thomas, Tirumangalam
,, Addison Hull, Dindigul
Mr. I. Devasirvatham, Cumbum
,, M. S. Taylor, Pasumalai
,, A. William, Palni
,, Z. Samuel, Kodaikanal
,, R. Michael, B.A., Pasumalai
,, D. Joseph, Muthalapatti, Dindigul

Madura East Church Council

Rev. F. E. Jeffery, M.A., Aruppukottai
,, C. S. Vaughan, Manamadura
,, M. S. Thiruthuvadasan, Melur
,, J. Rowland, Madura
,, Y. J. Taylor, Kamuthi
Mr. Y. Manikkam, Kallurani, Aruppukottai
,, E. V. Nallathambi, Melur
,, J. W. A. Joshua, Madura
,, M. Asirvatham, Manamadura

Kanarese Church Council

Rev. R. A. Hickling, Chikballapura
,, F. A. Stowell, B.A., Bellary
Mr. Paul Daniel, Bangalore

Jaffna Church Council

Mr. Allen Abraham, B.A., F.R.A.S., Vaddukoddai
,, S. M. Thevathasan, M.A.
,, G. D. Thomas

Telugu Church Council

Rev. G. H. Macfarlane, Cuddapah
,, L. J. Thomas, Kamalapuram
,, S. B. Simon, Jammalamadugu
Mr. William Manasseh, Proddatur
,, Isaiah A. Cole, Kamalapuram

Ex-officio

Rev. D. S. Herrick, M.A., *Secretary*, Bangalore.

The following were elected honorary members.

Rev. T. S. Nathoji, President, General Aikkiya of Congregational Churches, Ahmednagar.

Rev. W. H. Thorp, President, Provincial Synod of the W. M. Church.

Rev. K. Heiberg, Acting Chairman of the Danish Mission.

Mr. G. S. Eddy, B. Sc., General Secretary for Asia, Y. M. C. A.

Rev. J. E. Tracy, D.D., Kodaikanal

Mr. J. P. Cotelingam, M.A., Bellary

There were present also as honorary members by reason of their office, or position as conveners of committees,

Rev. F. Kingsbury, B.A., Bangalore
,, J. H. Maclean, B.A., Conjeeveram
,, H. A. Popley, B.A.,Erode
,, J. J. Banninga, M.A., Pasumalai

At a later session the Rev. H. W. Whyte, B.A., also was made an honorary member, in view of the fact that the Gooty district, which he represented, had applied for admission to the Telugu Council, but action had been postponed.

The Secretary reported for the Committee on local arrangements, calling attention to certain changes in the programme, and announcing the appointment of the Revds. F. E. Jeffery, C. S. Vaughan, and S. Cornelius as collectors of sums due from delegates on account of entertainment.

Rev. L. R. Scudder bade the Assembly welcome to Vellore in a brief address. The President responded.

The reading of the minutes of the previous Assembly was called for. On motion of Dr. Scudder, and in view of the fact that the minutes had been printed and circulated, and that copies were available to delegates, it was resolved that they be taken as read.

1. The Secretary read the nominations of the Executive Committee for Officers, Committees, and Representatives; and the following persons were elected :—

President, Rev. L. R. Scudder, Ranipettai
Vice-President, Mr. P. J. Devasagayam, Coimbatore
Secretary, Rev. D. S. Herrick, Bangalore.

Executive Committee

Mr. Paul Daniel, Nagercoil
,, K. T. Paul, Salem
Rev. F. Kingsbury, Bangalore
,, V. Santiagu, Batlagundu
,, S. B. Simon, Jammalamadugu
,, H. A. Popley, Erode
Mr. J. P. Cotelingam, Bellary

Rev. J. K. Chinnathambi, Pandateruppu
„ J. H. Maclean, Conjeeveram
(*Ex-officio*) { Rev. L. R. Scudder, Mr. P. J. Devasagayam, Rev. D. S. Herrick }

Committee on References

The Hon. and Rev. G. Pittendrigh (Convener), Madras
Mr. Allen Abraham, Vaddukoddai
Rev. E. H. Lewis, Bellary
Mr. Samuel Joseph, Aruppukottai
„ S. Gnanamoni, Vepery, Madras
„ Michael Asirvatham, Madura
„ Thos. Harris, Vellore

Committee on Life and Work and Statistical Tables

Rev. C. S. Vaughan (Convener), Manamadura
„ C. D. Velupillai, Tellipalai
„ J. M. Kesari, Trivandrum
Mr. R. S. Visuvasam, Erode
Rev. L. R. Scudder, Ranipettai

Representatives

(1) Federation of Christian Churches in India—Revs. R. A. Hickling, L. R. Scudder, J. H. Maclean, V. Santiagu, Samuel Joseph, D. S. Herrick, H. F. W. Lester; Messrs. K. T. Paul, Thos. Harris, J. V. Chelliah; Dr. G. W. Hardie, Messrs. W. H. Farrar, Paul Daniel (Nagercoil).
(2) Presbyterian Church in India—Mr. K. T. Paul, (Alternates, Messrs. P. J. Devasagayam, Thos. Harris);
(3) Provincial Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church—Rev. F. Kingsbury;
(4) Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. P. B. Ragaviah;
(5) The National Free Church Council—Rev. J. I. Macnair;
(6) The Congregational Union of England and Wales—Rev. E. P. Rice;
(7) The Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States of America—Rev. J. J. Banninga;
(8) National Council of Congregational Churches of the United States of America—Rev. F. E. Jeffery;
(9) General Assembly of the Church of Scotland—Rev. J. Stewart;
(10) General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland—Rev. J. Stewart;
(11) Madras Representative Council—Revs. F. Kingsbury and P. B. Ragaviah.

2. The President called upon the Secretary to read a Resolution proposed by the Executive Committee in memory of Dr. Wyckoff and other deceased members of the South India United Church. This was adopted by the Assembly by a rising vote, and is as follows :—

"The Assembly desires to place on record its sense of loss in the death of the following ministers and elders of the South India United Church who have been taken from us since our last meeting :—

Revs. Henry Honegger, J. A. Beattie; Dr. M. D. Gnanamoni: Revds. Lazarus Marion, and J. H. Wyckoff, D. D., all belonging to the Arcot Council;

The Revs. T. K. Itty and M. Iswara Iyer of the Madras Council;

The Rev. A. Devasagayam of the North Tamil Council;

The Rev. K. P. Thomas and Mr. C. Arumainayagam of the South Travancore Council.

Each and all of these have given esteemed service to the cause of the South India United Church.

Special mention should be made of Dr. Wyckoff, who had so much to do in bringing about the present Church Union, and the organization of this Assembly. He was its first president, and has been a wise counsellor on its Executive Committee from the very first, except during a short period while on furlough in America.

The Assembly desires to express its deepest sympathy with the Arcot Council, which has suffered the loss of five prominent members within the short period of one year.

We pray also that God's comfort may abide with the bereaved relatives."

The President called on the Rev. Dr. Tracy to offer prayer.

After the singing of a hymn the session was closed with the benediction pronounced by the President.

SESSION II

The Assembly met at 6 P.M. Prayer was offered by the Rev. F. E. Jeffery, and a portion of Scripture read by the President. After the singing of the hymn "Glorious things of thee are spoken", the President introduced the Rev. W. H. Thorp as the Representative from the Provincial Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in South India. Mr. Thorp expressed the greetings of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and made a frank statement of its position, saying that while the obstacles in the form of differences in polity and practice are in a fair way to be removed, there still exists an honest conviction against union, on the part of a large portion of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He hoped, however that this was a passing phase, and would soon disappear, and that union between the W. M. Church and the South India United Church would be accomplished.

Rev. T. S. Nathoji, Representative from the General Aikkiya of Congregational Churches in Ahmednagar, spoke of the S. I. U. C. as a leader in the matter of church union in India, and expressed the hope that in the end overtures would be made by it for union with the Congregational Aikkiya and that portion of the Presbyterian Church in Western India, between which two bodies proposals for union had already been discussed.

The Rev. K. Heiberg, representing the Danish Mission, spoke of the Lord's Supper as a thing that should be a means to unity. Since the explanations and theories regarding the Lord's Supper have produced disunion, these must be all discarded, and the thing itself used as a means to unity.

The Chairman read a letter from Bishop Robinson of the Methodist Episcopal Church telling of the circumstances which prevented his attending the Assembly as he had intended to do.

Mr. G. S. Eddy gave an address on "The Call of India in the present world situation." He said there are signs of a renaissance taking place in Asia that is far wider and deeper than that which took place in Europe 400 years ago. It is along lines of intellectual, economic, industrial, commercial, and social progress. Just as there has been a great religious awakening in Uganda and Korea, so this renaissance in Asia is an opportunity for India that must not be neglected.

The retiring President of the Assembly, the Rev. F. Kingsbury, gave the closing address. He tried to show wherein the South India United Church is already realising its unity, and how it can still further promote unity within itself, and with other Churches. Naming the several Churches in South India he pointed out the things held in common by them and the South India United Church, and endeavoured to outline the method by which union could be effected.

SESSION III

September 26

The Assembly met at 8-30 A.M. The Rev. S. Cornelius, pastor of the South India United Church in Vellore, conducted the preliminary service. The Rev. J. E. Tracy, D.D. preached in Tamil from 1 Tim. i. 17. Mr. G. S. Eddy gave an address in English on Matt. iv. 19. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President of the Assembly, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Thorp.

SESSION IV

At 4-30 P.M. the Assembly came together again at a meeting arranged by the Evangelistic Campaign Committee. Mr. K. T. Paul, Presided. An address was given by the Rev. Dr. Tracy. Rev. V. Santiagu sang a Tamil lyric of his own composition. Reports of work begun or accomplished in the Evangelistic Campaign were given by several members, viz., Rev. Meshac Peter for the Arcot and Madras Councils; Rev. F. E. Jeffery for the two Madura Councils; Rev. J. I. Macnair for the Telugu Council; Rev. G. S. Vethanayagam for Madras town: Mr. P. J. Devasagayam for the North Tamil Council: Rev. S. Devasagayam for Travancore; Rev. Joseph John for the Telugu Section of the Arcot field: and Mr. Allen Abraham for Jaffna. The Rev. J. J. Banninga and the Rev. H. A. Popley gave addresses, the one on "Town Work" the other on "Rural Work." The meeting was closed with prayer by the Chairman.

SESSION V

September 27

The Assembly met at 8 A. M. A devotional service was conducted by Mr. Eddy, who gave an address, the first of a series of studies of Apostolic Life and Times, based on the Book of Acts.

At 9 A. M. the minutes of the previous business session were read, amended, and approved. Announcements were made by Messrs. Popley and Banninga, and the Secretary.

3. The Report of the Committee on Life and Work and Statistical tables was read by the Convener, Dr. Scudder. It was discussed at some length, and then made the first order of business for the afternoon session. The Report of the Committee on References was read by the Convener, Mr. Maclean. Its recommendations were amended and adopted as follows :—

Resolved (1) " to accept the invitation " (to appoint a commission to co-operate with the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church and others) "and to appoint the following as its Commission, the first named being the member of the Advisory Committee : Rev. G. G. Brown, Mr. Paul Daniel, Rev. F. Kingsbury, Rev. G. E. Phillips, and Mr. K. T. Paul (Convener)";

(2) " to instruct the Executive to inquire into the situation" (set forth in a letter from certain members of the Tamil Congregation attached to the Presbyterian Church at Rangoon) "and give the petitioner such guidance as they think necessary" .

A recess was taken. Prayer was offered by the Rev. R. Sinclair.

SESSION VI

The Assembly resumed its sittings at 2 P. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. N. H. Harris.

4. The discussion of the report of the Committee on Life and Work was resumed. It was voted to limit the discussion to one hour. At the close of this period it was voted that the report be referred back to the Committee for amendment in consultation with Messrs. Cave, Hickling, Macnair, Banninga, and Abraham, and for presentation to the Assembly at a later session.

5. The Report of the Evangelistic Campaign Committee was read by Mr. Popley, the Convener, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :—

Resolved (1) " That the Assembly continue the present Committee with the addition of Rev. J. E. Tracy, D.D., Rev. J. K. Chinnathambi, Rev. S. Devasagayam, and Rev. W. J. Edmunds ;

(2) That the Assembly request the following missions to contribute towards the expenses of the Evangelistic Campaign Committee for the year 1916 the sum of Rs. 500 distributed as follows :—

American Arcot Mission	...	... Rs. 100
,, Madura ,,	...	... ,, 100
London Mission (S.I.D.C.)	...	... ,, 60

London Mission (S.I.D.C.) Travancore) ...	Rs.	75
American Ceylon Mission	„	50
United Free Church of Scotland Mission...	„	50
Church of Scotland Mission	„	40
Australian Presbyterian Mission ...	„	25

The President called for a short season of prayer, and several delegates responded.

6. The following resolution was presented by Mr. K. T. Paul and adopted by the Assembly:—

"The General Assembly of the South India United Church, at Vellore assembled, desires at this time of profound crisis to voice the sentiment of deep and earnest loyalty to the King-Emperor which animates the whole of this Church. Believing in the righteousness of the cause in which the British Empire has taken up arms, we declare that the members of this Church are ready to render whatever service may be asked of them by their Sovereign and country; and that the whole Church is praying that God will speedily bring this conflict to a close in righteous and permanent peace".

It was voted to send copies of this resolution to H. E. the Viceroy, H. E. the Governor of Madras, and H. E. the Governor of Ceylon.

During the next session the following reply was received from H. E. the Governor of Madras:—

"His Excellency has received with deep appreciation the expressions of loyalty and offer of services which you have been so good as to transmit on behalf of the General Assembly of the South India Church, and earnestly joins in your prayers".

7. The Report of the Assembly's Committee on the "United Church Herald" was read, and adopted with its recommendations, viz.,

(1) "That for Vol. VII the missions be asked to contribute only Rs. 300 instead of Rs. 600;

(2) "That, in view of the special interest of the Evangelistic Campaign, the Tamil Edition of the "Herald" be increased in size by four pages, on the understanding that this space be used for Campaign purposes."

8. The following Committee of Management for the "Herald" was appointed :- -

Rev. W. T. Scudder (Convener), Tindivanam
„ H. A. Popley (Editor, English), Erode
„ J. I. Macnair (Editor, Telugu), Gooty
Mr. J. H. Lawson (Manager), Pasumalai
„ M. S. Taylor (Editor, Tamil), Pasumalai
Rev. S. Cave, Nagercoil
„ J. H. Maclean, Conjeeveram
„ J. H. Dickson, Tellipalai
Mr. P. J. Devasagayam, Coimbatore
Rev. P. B. Ragaviah, Madras

9. The Report of the Committee on the Directory of Worship was read and adopted with its recommendations, viz.—

(1) "That the publication of a Telugu edition of the Directory be referred to a committee consisting of four members elected by the Telugu Council, and two members elected by the Arcot Council, the Telugu Council electing the Convener;

(2) "That the preparation of Kanarese and Malayalam editions of the Directory be referred to the Kanarese and South Travancore Councils respectively;

(3) "That a Tamil committee consisting of Messrs. Kingsbury, Santiagu, S. Devasahayam, A. Abraham, K. T. Paul, and Popley (Convener) be formed, in order to arrange for the publication of new editions when necessary, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the several Councils;

(4) "That the conveners of the several vernacular committees constitute a general committee with Rev. H. A. Popley as convener;

(5) "That the Assembly urge upon the several Church Councils the importance of the general use of the Order of Service for Public Worship and of the other orders in the Directory, emphasising their helpfulness for the maintenance and deepening of the Spirit of unity in the Church".

10. The Report of the Committee on Work for the Young was read and adopted with its recommendations, as follows:—

(1) "That the General Assembly appoint a committee of nine members, one from each Church Council, who shall be charged with the duty of studying the conditions of the field and making provision for a large increase in the efficiency of our work for the young;

(2) "That each Church Council be asked to appoint a similar committee for its area to work in co-operation with the General Assembly's committee. It is suggested that the member from each Council on the General Assembly's committee be the convener of the committee for his Council;

(3) "That the Assembly's committee carry out the suggestions of the Committee on Life and Work and Statistical Tables regarding a further detailed study of the facts reported by that committee, and devise means to remedy them;

(4) "That the Assembly's committee approach the Sunday School Union and the Christian Endeavour Union and kindred organizations and special workers with a view to securing their co-operation in this work".

11. At a later session the following Committee on Work for the Young was appointed:—

Rev. J. X. Miller (Convener), Pasumalai
Mr. M. S. Taylor, Pasumalai
Rev. J. K. Chinnathambi, Pandateruppu
,, R. Sinclair, Nagercoil
,, G. Gnanamuthu, Erode

Mr. V. P. Athisheshiah, Vellore
,, P. Chenchiah, Madras
Rev. L. J. Thomas, Kamalapuram
,, F. A. Stowell, Bellary.

The Assembly adjourned after prayer by Rev. Y. J. Taylor.

SESSION VII

Mr. Eddy conducted the regular evening devotional meeting at 6-30 P.M.

SESSION VIII

September 28th

The Assembly met at 8 A.M. in a devotional meeting conducted by Mr. Eddy. After a recess of a few minutes the business of the day was taken up.

The minutes of the previous day were read, amended, and approved.

12. A question as to the printing of reports in the Minutes of the Assembly having been raised, it was resolved to print all reports of committees in full in the Appendix; and the recommendations made in each report in regular course in the body of the minutes.

13. The report of the Executive Committee was read and its recommendations discussed *seriatim*. An amendment was offered to the Committee's recommendation that the Assembly should encourage the S.I.U.C. to set before itself as a goal the raising of a sum sufficient for the support of the work of the National Missionary Society in the Omalur field. The amendment proposed that such action should be postponed till the Assembly had received and considered the report of the proposed Missionary Committee. The recommendation and its amendment were laid on the table by vote of the Assembly.

The recommendations as amended and adopted by the Assembly are as follows:—

I. (1) "That the General Assembly appoint as one of its committees a Missionary Committee of the S. I. U. C. consisting of not less than five members;

(2) That this committee be instructed to approach the Home Missionary Societies and the Church Councils at present existing within the S. I. U. C. area, with a view to bringing each society into organic relation with the Church Council or Synod in its area:

(3) "That the General Assembly assign to this Committee the following duties:—

(*a*) to devise plans to bring into co-ordination with the several Church Councils or Synods and the Assembly (in the event of their willingness to be so co-ordinated) such Home Missionary Societies as already exist, and to promote the formation of new ones;

(*b*) to secure, through the Councils or Synods, annual reports from the affiliated Home Missionary Societies, and to review such

reports ; and, if thought wise to publish a consolidated report of its own ;

(*c*) to stimulate the interest of the whole Church in the evangelization of a wider field, by encouraging its members to support the work of the National Missionary Society."

At a later session the following Committee was appointed.

Mr. Peter Isaac, Madura
,, Thomas Harris, Vellore
Rev. S. Devasagayam, Christukoil, Palliady
,, R. A. Hickling, Chikkaballapura
Mr. Allen Abraham, Vaddukkoddai
,, J. P. Cotelingam, Bellary
Rev. F. Kingsbury (Convener) Bangalore.

II. "That the Secretary be directed to inform the Indian Church associated with the Basel Mission that the invitation to union previously extended to it is in no way affected by the European War, and is cordially renewed."

III. (1) "That the remaining five Church Councils (which have not expressed their mind concerning the report of the Sub-Committee on Union which was submitted to them by the Executive) should be urged to consider the issues carefully, and at a very early date pronounce an opinion on this most important matter ;

(2) "That the Executive be empowered to declare to the Provincial Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church the attitude of the S.I.U.C. towards the obstacles to union with it, after ascertaining the opinions held by the Church Councils.

IV. (1) "Inasmuch as opinions already expressed by some of the Church Councils indicate a strong desire to amend the Constitution of the S.I.U.C., (1) so as to give legislative authority to a body higher than the Church Council, and (2) so as to unify the Church in respect of its ministry, *Resolved* that the Assembly submit the following issues to all the Councils for an expression of their opinion ; and in case the Councils approve of such an alteration of the Constitution as is indicated above, that they be requested to submit definite proposals for it ;

Issues. (*a*) Is it desirable that legislative authority should be vested in a body higher than the Church Councils ?

(*b*) If so, should this body be the General Assembly, or should there be several District Synods, each of which would have under its authority two or more Councils ?

(*c*) If the Assembly should be the authoritative body (1) should it be constituted as at present, or have its membership reduced and (2) should it meet annually or biennially as at present ?

(*d*) In case the Synods become the authoritative body how should they be constituted ? (2) How often should they meet ?

(*e*) What shall be the power of the dauthoritative by, whether Assembly or Synod ?

(*f*) Should all matters connected with the selection, ordination, installation, transfer, resignation, and disciplining of ministers be dealt with by the Church Council, subject in certain particulars to an appeal to the higher body; or (2) should certain of these matters be reserved for a higher body? If so, which?

(2) *Resolved*, further, that, inasmuch as the alterations indicated above could be carried into effect only by a considerable amendment of the Constitution (viz. in Art. 1, 3, and 4) the Church Councils be requested to embody their answers to the above questions (in case they are favourable to change) in a series of proposed amendments to the Constitution, and forward these to the Secretary of the General Assembly not later than September 1, 1916.

(3) "That, when these answers have been received, the Executive shall draft (1) a memorandum of the decisions of the Councils which shall be submitted to the several Councils for information; (2) definite proposals in the light of the opinions expressed, for presentation to the General Assembly of 1917, with a view to discussion on the floor of the Assembly, and submission to the Councils for final vote, in accordance with Note 3 of the Constitution".

At this point the discussion of the Executive's Report was suspended.

14. On recommendation of the Executive it was resolved "that the Assembly approves of the amalgamation of the two Madura Councils into one." Mr. Jeffery explained that the purpose of the proposed amalgamation was to form a body competent to take over the work of the District Conference of the Madura Mission, thus substituting for this temporary body a permanent ecclesiastical body.

It was further resolved to approve of the action of the Arcot Council in receiving the Bangalore Tamil Church from the Kanarese Council into the Arcot Council.

15. Mr. Kingsbury presented the following resolution from the Executive, which was adopted,—

"The General Assembly of the South India United Church desires to place on record its sense of the deep debt of gratitude which the cause of Christianity in India owes to the disinterested and self-denying labours of German protestant missionaries. It deeply regrets that the exigencies of the political situation have led to the internment or repatriation of so many of them, and deplores the great injury to their work which this must inevitably entail. It sincerely hopes that, after the war is over, the work of these missionaries may speedily be resumed, as it would view with the deepest regret the withdrawal of German missions from the Indian field".

A recess was taken.

SESSION IX

The Assembly resumed its sittings at 9 P.M. in the Christian Students' Hostel of the Voorhees College. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. H. Macfarlane.

16. The discussion of the Executive's Report and its recommen-

dations regarding the rules of the several Church Councils was resumed. These were amended and adopted and are as follows :—

V. "That a list of subjects which should be included in the rules of each Church Council be drawn up and approved by the General Assembly.

The following subjects should be included in the list—(1) Name, (2) Membership, (3) Officers, (4) Meetings, (5) Functions, (6) Provision for Amendment."

(For detailed suggestions regarding these subjects see Appendix pp. 25—28).

17. The suggestions made in the Executive's report regarding the Rules of Church Councils now in force were approved, with the understanding that the Secretary of the Assembly call the attention of the several Councils to these suggestions.

The Executive's recommendations regarding finances was adopted and is as follows :—

18. "That the financial allotments from the Church Councils be for 1916 and 1917 the same as hitherto ; and that, in view of the low state of funds in the treasury, an additional allotment equal to one-third of the usual annual allotment be asked from the Councils for 1915."

19. It was voted that the Secretary be asked to remind the Church Councils of the questions addressed to them by the Executive Committee in accordance with the instructions of the Fourth General Assembly (see minutes of the 4th G. A. p. 13 para. 9) and to secure an expression of opinion from them.

20. Supplementary nominations for Representatives were presented by the Executive, and the following persons were elected :—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Australia,
Rev. H. W. Whyte ;

To the Congregational Union of Australia,
Rev. H. W. Whyte ;

To the General Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in India,
Rev. L. R. Scudder,
Mr. P. J. Devasagayam.

21. The Committee on Life and Work presented the following resolution, which was adopted :—

"That this Assembly requests the London Mission in Travancore, and the Travancore Pastorate Union, to withdraw from the position that only Churches that have attained to full self-support and independence be allowed to enter the Travancore Pastorate Union and thus unite with the South India United Church ; and to accept the position that every organized Church should be connected with the S. I. U. C. though a Council organized under its constitution ; and that steps be taken gradually to merge their present organizations of District Councils into one or more Church Councils that will bring all of their organized Churches into organic union with the South India United Church".

On motion of Rev. R. Robertson the Assembly voted,—

22. "That the Fifth General Assembly of the South India United Church desires to express to their hosts and hostesses, and to the Hospitality Committee in Vellore, their deep appreciation of the invitation extended to them, and their warm thanks for the kind hospitality afforded them during a very happy visit".

23. In response to a question raised by the Executive regarding the interpretation of Art. IV. 4 of the Constitution, it was voted that, in reckoning the number of representatives from any given Church Council, the rule regarding the proportion of delegates to Churches should be applied rigidly, and fractions be discarded.

24. It was voted to print 500 copies of the minutes.

Voted to adjourn to meet at the close of the special devotional meeting arranged for the morning of September 29th. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Scudder.

SESSION X

September 29th

The Assembly met at 10-15 A.M. in the South India United Church.

A Supplementary Report of the work done during the week of Evangelistic Effort from September 16—23 was presented by Rev. H. A. Popley.

25. Mr. P. J. Devasagayam called attention to the action of the Third General Assembly relating to a Church Members Manual (see Minutes of the 3rd G.A. p. 9). It was voted "That the preparation of a Church Members Manual be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act".

26. The question of the President of the Assembly visiting the several Church Councils having been raised, it was voted, "that the assembly place on record its hope that the President may be able to visit each of the Church Councils, so far as the arduous work laid upon him may permit, in order that each Council may receive of the inspiration which he is so well fitted to impart".

The minutes of the previous day and of the current session were read and approved.

The President made a brief closing address in which he congratulated the Assembly on its strong grasp of the many important questions brought before it, and said that in three notable particulars it was evident that there had been growth and progress, viz., first, in the consciousness of Christian fellowship and brotherly love: in the consciousness of the unity of the Church through common forms of worship, common principles governing the Councils in framing their rules, and through a growing desire for the endowment of the General Assembly with more than advisory powers: and thirdly, in a consciousness of the spiritual heritage of the Church, which has been fostered by an Evangelistic Campaign that has profoundly stirred even

the most distant rural congregations of the Church. Not only has there been growth ; but there are large opportunities before the Church during the next two years.

After leading the Assembly in prayer and pronouncing the benediction, the President declared the Assembly adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive Committee.

D. S. HERRICK,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has held four meetings since the last Session of the General Assembly. An attempt is now made to present in summarized form the principal subjects on which action was taken, together with its purpose, and the results accomplished by such action.

The membership of the Committee has continued the same throughout the term, with two exceptions. The vacancy caused by the return of Dr. Jones to America was filled by the election of Dr. Wyckoff; and when death removed Dr. Wyckoff, Mr. Hacker was elected to fill his place. The S.I.U.C. owes much to each of these leaders of whose services it has been deprived. It is gratifying to know that the former is now in fair health, and serving the cause of Christ in a position that gives full scope for the employment of the knowledge of missions and experience of missionary work and conditions that he gained during his long period of service in India. We cannot but believe that the latter also, in a sphere beyond the reach of our earthly experience, is serving Christ and His Church as heartily and efficiently as ever he did on earth.

At its meeting in December 1913, the Committee, in accordance with the instructions of the Assembly (see Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly p. 10, c.) took up the consideration of the draft Memorial to H. E. the Governor-General-in-Council praying for a new Indian Divorce Act. Certain modifications, as well as verbal amendments, were suggested. It was also suggested that the whole matter might be dealt with by the National Missionary Council. Although these suggestions were not all adopted by the framers of the Memorial, it was voted later by correspondence that the Memorial might be signed in case it were accepted by other bodies in India. It was so accepted finally, and Mr. Blair, the Convener of the Committee in charge of the Memorial, was authorized to affix to it the signature of the President of the Assembly.

At the same meeting the Executive, desiring to arouse Christian sentiment in South Africa in favour of Indians residing there, who at the time were labouring under great social and political disabilities, drafted a letter of appeal addressed to the Protestant Churches of South Africa. Endorsement of the appeal was sought from ten Churches and missions in India, and favourable action was taken by several of them. The Appeal was then forwarded to the six principal churches and Church unions of South Africa. Courteous and favourable replies were received from most of them.

As a means of carrying out the instructions of the Fourth General Assembly (see p. 31 [6] of the Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly) your Committee at the same meeting appointed a Sub-Committee of five

members "to advise the Executive concerning the carrying out of the Assembly's instructions regarding an advance in the missionary work of the Church," and instructed them "to obtain information regarding the work of existing Missionary Societies within the bounds of the S.I.U.C., and regarding the possibilities of co-ordinating it more closely with the several Church Councils, and with the S.I.U.C. as a whole." On the basis of the work done by this Sub-Committee, your Committee offers for consideration the following recommendations :—

1. That the General Assembly appoint as one of its committees a Missionary Committee of the S.I.U.C. consisting of not less than five members ;

2. That this committee be instructed to approach the Home Missionary Societies and the Church Councils at present existing within the S.I.U.C. area, with a view to bringing them into organic relation with the Church Council or Synod in their area ;

3. That the General Assembly assign to the Committee the following duties :—

(*a*) To devise plans (in the event of their willingness) for bringing into co-ordination with the several Church Councils and the Assembly such Home Missionary Societies as already exist, and for promoting the formation of new ones ;

(*b*) To secure, through the Councils or Synods, annual reports from the affiliated Home Missionary Societies, and to review such reports ; and if thought wise, to publish a consolidated report of its own ;

(*c*) To stimulate the interest of the whole Church in the evangelization of a wider field, by encouraging its members to support the work of the National Missionary Society.

Another matter left in abeyance by the last Assembly was that of union with other bodies. The prospect of union with the Church connected with the Basel Mission seemed at the time of the last Assembly to be more hopeful of early realization than that with any other. The war in Europe, however, made it seem inexpedient to the leaders of this Church that the District Synods as public bodies should hold any sessions at present. To these Synods had been referred the question of union with the S.I.U.C. So the matter has been indefinitely postponed.

Your Committee suggests, however, that it would be timely to assure this Church of our continued desire for union, and recommends that the Secretary be directed to inform the Indian Church associated with the Basel Mission that the invitation to union previously extended to it is in no way affected by the European War, and is cordially renewed.

There remained to be considered the possibility of union with the Wesleyan Methodist Church. With a view to carrying out more thoroughly the instructions of the Third General Assembly (see p. 15 of the Minutes of the Third G. A.) your Committee appointed a sub-committee of four members, and associated with them three others from outside the Committee. The Secretary was instructed to request the Provincial Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church also to appoint a committee, who should be instructed to meet with the Executive's Sub-Committee

for the purpose of holding a conference regarding the obstacles in the way of union between the W.M. Church and the S.I.U.C., and the means of overcoming them. This joint committee met in Madras in April 1914, and after a long discussion framed five issues to be placed before the bodies represented by its members. Your Committee carefully considered the report of the Sub-Committee on these issues and its recommendations. While approving of it in general as a means of effecting a union with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, it was decided, before making any recommendations to the Assembly, to submit it to the Church Councils for their consideration and possible suggestions. In the meanwhile the official action of the Provincial Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was communicated to the Committee, and is as follows :—

I. "This Provincial Synod having received the report of the Union Committee, as well as the special report of the Joint Committee of the South India United Church and Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was appointed to consider the obstacles to union between the two churches ; and having received the resolutions of the District Synods, recognises that there is a strong conviction on the part of many against organic union with the South India United Church.

II. "This Synod, however, considers it desirable that, until the attitude of the South India United Church to the obstacles to union has been officially declared, the Union Committee of this Synod should be continued, in order simply to receive the report of the General Assembly of the South India United Church, and to forward the same to the various District Synods and the Provincial Synod next year.

III. "The Committee consists of the following :—

Revs. A. A. Thomas, F. Lamb, H. Gulliford, E. W. Thompson, A. V. Isaac, S. Lamech, J. Cooling, T. Subramanyam, B. P. Wesley, N. G. Ponniah, Messrs. S. Gnanapragasam, M. Vedamuthu, and Rev. A. O. Brown (convener)."

It seems inadvisable that the Assembly should make an official declaration of its attitude towards the obstacles to union with the W. M. Church until all the Councils have expressed their mind on the Sub-Committee's report. Your Committee therefore recommends :—

1. That inasmuch as only four Councils have expressed an opinion on the matter, the remaining five Councils should be urged to consider the issues carefully, and at a very early date pronounce an opinion on this most important matter ;

2. That the Executive be empowered to declare to the Provincial Synod of the W. M. Church the attitude of the South India United Church towards the obstacles to union with it, after ascertaining the opinions held by the Church Councils ;

3. Inasmuch as the opinions already expressed, by some of the Church Councils indicate a strong desire to amend the constitution of the South India United Church (1) so as to give legislative authority to a body higher than the Church Council, and (2) so as to unify the Church in respect to its ministry, your Committee recommend that the Assembly submit the following issues to all the Councils for an expres-

sion of their opinion; and in case the Councils approve of such an alteration of the constitution as is indicated above, that they be requested to submit definite proposals for it;—

Issues. (*a*) Is it desirable that legislative authority should be vested in a body higher than the Church Council?

(*b*) If so, should this body be the General Assembly, or should there be several District Synods, each of which would have under its authority two or more Councils?

(*c*) If the Assembly should be the authoritative body, (1) should it be constituted as at present, or have its membership reduced? (2) should it meet annually, or biennially as at present?

(*d*) In case the Synods become the authoritative bodies, how should they be constituted? How often should they meet?

(*e*) What shall be the power of the authoritative body, whether General Assembly or Synod?

(*f*) Should all matters connected with the selection ordination, installation, transfer, resignation, and disciplining of ministers be dealt with by the Church Council, subject in certain particulars to an appeal to the higher body? or should certain of these matters be reserved for the higher body? If so which?

4. That, inasmuch as the alterations indicated above could be carried into effect only by a considerable amendment of the constitution (viz. in Articles 1, 3, and 4) the Church Councils be requested to embody their answers to the above questions (in case they are favourable to change) in a series of amendments to the Constitution, and forward these to the Secretary of the General Assembly not later than September 1, 1916;

5. That the Executive Committee, when the answers are received, shall draft (1) a memorandum of the decisions of the Councils, which shall be submitted to the several Councils for information; (2) definite proposals, in the light of the opinions expressed, for presentation to the General Assembly of 1917, with a view to discussion on the floor of the Assembly, and submission to the Councils for final vote in accordance with the note appended to the Constitution.

Certain minor matters dealt with in the Executive's meeting in December of 1913, were the approval of a form of a Certificate of Church Membership proposed by the Committee on the Directory of Worship; the adoption of a new form for a Certificate of Ordination; and a request to the Rev. J. J. Banninga to prepare an estimate for a wall-map showing the distribution and location of the Church Councils of the South India United Church, with the principal towns, and for a photographic reproduction of the map for the "United Church Herald." Since then such a map has been prepared and is now before you. A copy of the Certificate of Church Membership was sent to each of the Church Councils, and has been definitely adopted by some of them. Printed forms for the Certificate of Ordination were purchased, and are on sale with the Secretary.

Following out the instructions of the Fourth General Assembly (see Minutes of the Fourth General Assembly, p. 13, para 9) a series of questions were sent to the Church Councils with the request that they consider them first in ministerial session, and finally in open Council, and favour the Executive with their replies. The questions related to

the desirability, ways and means, etc., of establishing an Indian Ministers' Conference. Replies have been received from only two Councils, and do not indicate any general desire for the establishment of such a Conference. One was in favour, and one decided not to express an opinion.

In June of 1914, a report was received from the "United Church Herald" Committee, and its action confirmed, viz. in appointing Mr. J. H. Lawson as business manager, and the Rev. J. J. Banninga as convener of the Committee, the Rev. J. H. Maclean, late convener, retaining his membership on the Committee.

The attention of the Executive was again drawn to the need of more active and earnest evangelistic work in the Church, by a letter from Rev. H. A. Popley calling attention to the successful efforts that have been put forth to this end in China. At the Executive's meeting in August, 1914, it was resolved that the Church Councils be again reminded of the recommendation of the Fourth General Assembly looking to a revival of evangelism (see Minutes of the 4th General Assembly, p. 31 (5)). In order to expedite the matter a special Committee was appointed and empowered to co-operate with the Church Councils in arranging for conventions for the deepening of spiritual life, looking towards a united evangelistic campaign. Mr. G. S. Eddy was invited to set apart three months of his time during his next visit to India, in order to help the South India United Church in preparing for such a campaign, and if possible in conducting such a campaign. At its meeting in April 1915, a report was received from the Campaign Committee, and in accordance with its recommendations the Committee was enlarged by the addition of two members: and requests were sent to the South India District Committee of the London Missionary Society, and to the American Madura Mission, the former to the effect that the convener of the Campaign Committee, Mr. Popley, be permitted to devote a large part of his time to furthering the interests of the campaign; the latter, that the Rev. Dr. Tracy be permitted to devote six months to this work. To meet in part the travelling and office expenses involved in this arrangement, the missions connected with the South India United Church were requested to contribute between them the sum of Rs. 360. All but one have responded, and Rs. 330 have been given. On receipt of information that Mr. Eddy was to be in India from the middle of September to the middle of December of the current year, the Campaign Committee was asked to utilize his services as fully as possible. Furthermore, in order to extend the campaign more widely, the Executive requested the Madras Representative Council of Missions to organize an evangelistic campaign throughout South India for 1916, which should include as many missions and churches as possible, on the understanding that, in the event of such campaign being organized, the South India United Church is prepared to take its place among the bodies co-operating for this purpose. In the meanwhile the Convener of the Campaign Committee was authorized to approach other Missions and Churches in South India with a view to inviting them to join in the campaign so far as is

practicable this year, thus preparing the way for a general evangelistic movement in South India.

By August 1914, the Committee on the Directory of Worship had completed its work on the Directory. This was adopted by the Executive as presented by the Committee. The Committee was given powers and instructions looking to the preparation, printing, and publishing of vernacular editions, as well as an English edition of the Order of Sunday Service, and of the complete Directory, through the formation of sub-committees and the co-option of additional members from the several language areas as needed.

With a view to enabling the Executive to decide whether it is desirable to frame a model constitution for Church Councils, a small sub-committee was appointed, and instructed to scrutinize the rules of the Church Councils, in order to ascertain whether they are in conformity with the essential principles of the whole Church. The Executive has carefully considered the findings of its sub-committee. It finds that the Councils have, for the most part, taken full advantage of the permission contained in the constitution of the South India United Church, and have framed their rules quite independently of each other, the exceptions being that the rules of the Madras and Arcot Church Councils are identical; and the rules of the East and West Madura Church Councils are almost so. The Committee does not consider it desirable to make any attempt to curtail the freedom enjoyed by making any suggestions as to uniformity, or even by drawing up a model constitution. It considers, however, that it is highly desirable that certain items should be included in the rules of each Church Council, and recommends that a list of such items be drawn up and approved by the General Assembly. These items should include the following :—

1. Name, 2. Membership, 3. Officers, 4. Meetings, 5. Functions, 6. Provision for amendment.

1. Under "NAME," it should always be made clear that the Council belongs to the South India United Church.

2. Under "MEMBERSHIP" an attempt should be made to indicate the geographical bounds of the Council. It should also be made clear who are entitled to membership, care being taken to carry out the provisions of Art. 3 of the Constitution. The time of election, and the tenure of membership, should also be clearly stated. The proportion of lay representatives to the membership of the churches electing them should be determined.

3. Under "OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES," the time of election and the tenure of office should be distinctly laid down, and the functions of officers and committees defined. It is desirable that each Church Council have at least two standing committees, viz., an Executive Committee with clearly defined powers, and a Committee on Life and Work, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly of 1913.

4. Under "MEETINGS," regular and special meetings should be distinguished, and the power of the latter defined. There ought to be

regulations regarding the length of time between the notice to be given and the meetings of each kind. Rules should be framed regarding a quorum, which should in all cases include a number of lay representatives.

5. Under "FUNCTIONS," the relation of local churches and Pastors to the Council should be clearly defined. It should be made clear that the ordination, installation, resignation, transfer, and discipline of ministers are matters for the Council and not for the Local Church. The relation of Churches to Missions should also be clearly defined. It seems highly desirable that while in the case of churches not fully organised or completely self-supporting responsibility for them may be shared with a mission through the means provided for in the last sentence of Art. 2 of the Constitution, no body of Christians should be entirely under the ecclesiastical care of a mission. The Committee holds also that, while Art. 2 of the Constitution assumes that all churches, whether fully organized or not, shall be under the care of the Church Council, the article takes it for granted that the normal condition of the Church is that of having a pastor. The Committee accordingly holds that such rules regarding self-support, or other requirements for the pastorate, as any Church Council may adopt, should be so framed as to facilitate the attainment of this condition by the churches at as early a date as possible.

6. Under "AMENDMENT", provision should be made for the introduction of safeguards, with a view to preventing the alteration of rules without due deliberation.

The Committee notes that some of the Councils have rules for Local Churches, while others have not. It seems to the Committee that such rules ought to be appended to the Council rules, a distinction being made between rules which are recommended to Churches as models, and those which are binding. The former should include rules regarding church meetings, and meetings of the session or Church Committee, regular and special meetings being distinguished, and the quorum determined. On the other hand the rules regarding the election of a pastor and officers, admission to baptism or full membership, the dispensation of the sacraments, and discipline of members (the disciplining of ministers being reserved for the Church Council) should be, in most particulars, among the rules that are binding. There should be a rule limiting the administration of the Sacraments to ordained ministers, except in cases specially provided for by the Council.

With regard to the rules at present in force, the Committee does not find much in them which is not 'in conformity with the essential principles of the Church.' If, however, the Committee may venture a little beyond the letter of its commission, it would call attention to several features which are not illegal, yet seem to call for amendment in the interests of efficiency. Keeping both matters in view, the Committee would submit the following remarks on the rules of the several Councils:

Kanarese Council

(*a*) In I : 5 (1) it is not stated by whom a missionary is appointed to be superintending missionary for the purpose of this rule.

(*b*) In II : 1 further definition of the words "missionaries," "pastors" and "assistant pastors" is desirable, in view of Arts. 2 and 3 of the Constitution. (The same applies to the similar words in rule 6.) In the second part of II : 1 it should be made clearer than appears in the English translation that the co-option referred to is to membership in the Church Council, and not in the Local Council. It should be understood that, as the Constitution makes no provision for co-opted members, those so chosen should be regarded as honorary members.

(*c*) In II : 6 nothing is said about lay-representation in the Local Councils.

(*d*) In II : 7 it is not clear whether the rule applies only to meetings of the Local Council, or to the Church Council also.

(*e*) With reference to II : 8, the Committee considers that the question of an appeal to the General Assembly should not be decided by a rule once for all, but by a vote in each case, as implied in Art. 4 of the Constitution.

(*f*) There is no mention of ordination, and it is not clear that the Pastors have been set apart by ordination in accordance with Art. 2 of the Constitution.

Telugu Council

The rules are slight, and can hardly be said to be adequate. They contain a number of terms which are not defined, such as "Circle Committee," "Central Committee," "Church Panchayat." In the clauses dealing with membership or office no reference is made to the time of election or the tenure of office. There are no rules concerning any matters connected with the pastorate.

Madras and Arcot Councils

In the rules for the Madras and Arcot Church Councils no attempt is made at a definition of the area, nor is it made clear what missionaries are eligible for membership. It may be questioned whether the position accorded to unordained missionaries is in harmony with Art. 3 of the Constitution.

North Tamil Church Council

The revised rules now adopted by the North Tamil Church Council show a marked advance on those hitherto in force. The Committee has no suggestions to make, except that the recommendations to all Church Councils as to a quorum, and as to the relation of churches to the associated missions be adopted; and the rules be completed as soon as possible by adding (as proposed on page 4) rules for the transfer and retirement of pastors. It is suggested that the Council consider the desirability of adding a rule regarding the persons qualified to baptise similar to Rule VI (2) regarding the communion.

Madura Councils

The Committee understands that the rules for the East and West Madura Councils are being revised with a view to the amalgamation of the Councils and the enlargement of their functions; the only points to which attention need be called are (1) the question whether the definition of area should include the

names of all the churches; (2) the desirability of including the resignation of pastors among the matters to be dealt with by the council: (3) and the necessity of provision for amending the rules.

Jaffna Council

In the rules of the Jaffna Council the question of the relation of lay missionaries to the Council should be considered in the light of Art. 3 of the Constitution. The position of licentiates as members seems irregular, as also is the rule making the action of the Council in matters of discipline final.

S. Travancore Council

It seems to the Committee that the rules for the TRAVANCORE Council need through revision to bring them into harmony with the Constitution. The use of the designation "Union" throughout instead of "Council" is irregular; and a still more serious defect is the entire absence of the name of the South India United Church, while the name "London Missionary Society" is used in several cases. In Rules 3 and 6 membership of certain committee is defined in terms of *European* and *Indian*, and Europeans are given a place out of proportion to their numbers. Lay missionaries are not distinguished from those ordained. In Rule 6 no provision is made for appeals from individual members, though this is implicitly allowed for in Art. 3 of the Constitution.

The expenses of the term have been comparatively heavy. This has been due in great part to the valuable and necessary work on the Directory of Worship, which could not have been done without occasional meetings of the large Committee in charge of it. The expenses of Indian members attending meetings of the Executive have also been paid. The subscription of Rs. 20 for each of the Representatives sent to the Madras Representative Council is also a new item. These additional expenses have made necessary the affirmation of the principle that the financial allotment to the Councils is an annual allotment. This has been accepted by all the Councils.

We recommend that the financial allotment from the Councils be for 1916 and 1917 the same as hitherto: and that in view of the low state of funds in the treasury, an additional allotment of one-third of the usual annual allotment be asked from the Councils for 1915.

(Signed) D. S. HERRICK,
Secretary.

Financial Statement

Receipts	Amount			Expenditure	Amount		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By Balance from 4th Assembly	82	8	0	To Printing bills ...	119	13	4
„ Collection at 4th Assembly	13	13	8	„ Entertainment at 4th G.A.	26	8	0
„ Sale of forms ...	2	0	0	„ Donation to N. M. S. ...	13	13	8
„ Allotments from Councils, 1914–15 ...	360	0	0	„ Travelling Expenses, Indian members ...	71	6	9
„ Donation for entertainment	25	0	0	„ Expenses, Committee on Directory	100	0	0
				„ Madras Representative Council dues ...	40	0	0
				„ Forms for Certificate of Ordination ...	14	0	0
				„ 100 English Order of Service	6	8	0
				„ Parcel charges, postage and telegrams ...	37	7	3
				„ Stationery	6	4	6
				„ Wall map	20	0	0
				„ Balance with Secretary...	27	8	2
Total ...	483	5	8	Total ...	483	5	8

(Signed) D. S. Herrick.

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) L. R. Scudder.

24*th September*, 1915.

APPENDIX B

Report of Committee on Life and Work and Statistical Tables

It is with feelings of gratitude that your Committee on Life and Work present their report to this General Assembly. The statistics of the Councils showing the detailed figures of each church, and the summary of the statistics of the Councils, show that in the last two years our South India United Church has made substantial progress in nearly every particular. We believe that much profit can be derived from a careful study of these statistical tables. They are a mine of information for those who will patiently dig it out. It is true that statistics may mislead us. Perhaps an undue emphasis may obscure important conditions that cannot be recorded in statistical tables. But if fairly used they must give us much information as to the progress of the work. The next few pages of this report will be devoted to drawing the most obvious conclusions from these statistics and the accompanying reports as to the progress that we have made in the past two years.

Before discussing them your Committee would like to emphasize once more the importance of furnishing complete and accurate statistics. To be of any use they must be both. In the case of three Councils columns 13 & 14 & 17 and 18 showing the number of adults and children under baptized adherents and unbaptized adherents, were left vacant. Your Committee has tried to remedy the defect by dividing the total in each case in accordance with the proportion as worked out in other Councils. This will be measurably correct, but not sufficiently so for basing general deductions on them. Another large body gives only the total number of communicants, but no details of the gains by confession and certificate, or of the losses by death and discipline. These statistics came too late to be referred back for correction : and your Committee were unable to furnish the information from their own inner consciousness. The blank stares us in the face. Several Councils also failed to show how much of their total contributions were raised for congregational and how much for benevolent purposes. Here again your Committee has tried to remedy the defect. But it is not satisfactory. This Assembly has decided that statistics be collected and tabulated, and has prescribed the form in which it is to be done. If it is worth doing at all, (and your Committee feels it is worth doing) it is worth doing well. The failure of any one Council vitiates the whole statistical table. In this matter we all stand together. Your Committee feels that each Council owes it to all the others to see that the statistics are accurately gathered in the prescribed form, and fully reported to the Assembly through the Committee on Life and Work. We would ask that the

attention of the defaulting Councils be pointedly called to the action of the last General Assembly on this matter.

It is matter for sincere regret that there are still several Councils that do not draw up a report on Life and Work. In one or two instances the deficiency has been somewhat remedied by unofficial reports. But that also is unsatisfactory and open to criticism. We sincerely trust that before another General Assembly all the Councils will draw up and discuss such reports for submission to the General Assembly.

While the above mentioned gaps in the statistics do occur, it is only fair to say that in most of the more important tables that come into comparison the statistics are complete, and apparently accurate.

In nearly every important particular there has been growth, and in some instances remarkable growth in the last two years.

Our Councils remain the same. The Gooty District that reported for the first time last year is not a separate Council, nor has it yet united with the Telugu Council. But steps are being taken that will soon unite it with the Telugu Council. We still have the two bodies in South Travancore, viz., the South Travancore Church Council, and the South Travancore Mission congregations. But we are glad to note that a scheme has been worked out that many eventually unite these too in some measure. This will be considered later in more detail.

We have now 144 organized churches, a gain of five in two years. But here again we note that the Travancore Mission congregations do not tell us how many organized congregations they have. Travancore objects, and rightly, to having their congregations called "unorganized", as they claim that they are as highly organized as the congregations under the Church Council. We trust that they will soon be willing to claim the status of organized congregations in our tables by giving us the complete statistics of their individual congregations. We should then have many more than 144 organized churches.

There has been a welcome gain of eleven ordained ministers. We now have eighty-nine as compared with seventy-eight two years ago. This is perhaps the most significant fact that is to be found in our statistics. While it is only a little more than one new minister for each Church Council, it is most interesting to note that one-half of the gain is in the South Travancore Church Council, which now numbers eighteen ministers instead of thirteen. The North Tamil Church Council comes next with a gain of three, that is, from four to seven. Then comes the great Telugu Council, which has gained two, increasing from one to three, a gain of two hundred per cent. Madura East Council has gained one minister; and Arcot one by the transference of the Bangalore Tamil Church from the Kanarese Council. But this transference has left the Kanarese Church Council without a single Indian minister. It is, to say the least, an anomaly to have a Council in our South India United Church in which there is no Indian minister,

the only ministers being foreign missionaries. The question arises in this connection what provision this Council makes for the administration of the sacraments.

There has been a gain of 479 in Church Officers. But the Committee feels that the statistics in these columns are not trustworthy, because of the difference in the use of the terms "elder" and "deacon". Among the churches of Presbyterian origin there is still a tendency to keep to the old dual formation of the Church Committee in which the elders care for the spiritual interests, while the deacons care for the temporal interests of the church. Among the churches of congregational origin the term elder is not used. But the term deacon does not include all of the Church Committee, but usually two members of the Church Committee who are especially set apart to help in the administration of the Lord's Supper. Then again it appears that in the Telugu Church Council all members of the village panchayats are called "elders" and are classed as church officers. These columns are intended to show how many members of the church session or church committee there are. We would therefore request that both the terms "elder" and "deacon" be dropped from our statistics and in their place there be one column headed "members of church session or church committee". This would obviate most of the present difficulties, and give us the information we want.

There has been a substantial gain of 2,537 communicants. The whole number of communicants is 29,441 as compared with 26,904 in 1913. Every one of the Councils shows a gain except the Kanarese Church Council, which shows a loss of 40. But it is only fair to say that this is not a real loss, as the Bangalore Tamil Church was transferred from this Council to the Arcot Council. Taking this into consideration, this Council also has made a slight gain, viz., 28. Two Councils have gained about 450, viz., the South Travancore Mission congregations, and the Telugu Council. Three have gained over 350, viz., Madura East, Madura West, and Madras. It is encouraging to note that there have been gains in all the Councils. Two years ago three showed losses.

But the whole story is by no means told when we consider only the statistics of actual gains and losses reported by the Councils each year. There is a deeper problem that we must face. And that is, whether as a church we are fulfilling our responsibility to the large number who join us by doing all that is possible to bring them to a full knowledge of Christ. In other words, what is the proportion of communicant Christians in our Church? Are we really caring effectively for the spiritual interests of our people? Your Committee has drawn up the following table to show how we stand as a church in this matter, and how each Council stands.

Table showing the percentage of Communicant Members

Council.	Communicants.	Baptized Adherents.	Unbaptized Adherents.
Jaffna	62.45	33.24	4.31
Madura, West... ...	35.00	41.61	23.39
Madura, East	32.68	26.68	40.64
Kanarese	31.72	65.71	2.57
Madras	28.99	50.95	20.06
Arcot	26.84	58.55	14.61
Travancore Pastorates ...	15.14	56.60	28.26
North, Tamil	14.24	69.72	16.04
Travancore Mission ...	12.15	52.59	35.26
Telugu	6.98	54.22	38.60
Gooty District ...	3.09	47.42	49.49
General average for the whole Church	18.02	69.52	12.46

It is a startling fact that in our Church as a whole only 18 per cent. of our Christians are communicants, while 82 per cent. are adherents. It is somewhat encouraging that the proportion of baptized adherents is 69.52 per cent. and unbaptized adherents only 12.46 per cent. But do we realize that we have now about 37,000 adults who are only baptized adherents, and over 47,000 baptized children many of whom become adults each year? Our total community has increased as we have seen by 12.65. That is a growth of 7.5 per cent. for the two years. Our communicants have increased in the two years by just 1.55 per cent. In other words, in this year of growth our communicants have not kept pace with the growth of our community. This fact shows the seriousness of the problem that faces us. We are actually gathering in more than we can assimilate! If so, it means that our recruiting agency is much more efficient than our training agency. The conclusion that we should draw is not that we ought to decrease the efficiency of our recruiting, but that we ought to spend far more time and thought and prayer and effort in winning for Christ the thousands that we have won for Christianity. A glance at the table before you will show that there are very great differences among the Councils with reference to the question under discussion. The Councils seem to fall into four groups. In the first stands Jaffna alone with a proportion of 62.45 communicants to the total Christian community. In the next group come Madura, West and East, the Kanarese and Madras, and Arcot Council. The average proportion with them is about 31 per cent. Then come the Travancore Pastorates, the North Tamil, and the Travancore Mission, with an average of nearly 14 per cent. And in the last group is the Telugu area. In thinking of their differences, it is only right to remember that there can be no fair comparison between the Jaffna Council and the Telugu Council, since the conditions are totally different. In Jaffna there have been no mass movements. The Christians have all come

from the higher and better-educated classes. We would therefore expect a high percentage of communicants. But in the Telugu Council thousands of the most ignorant and superstitious people have recently crowded into the churches. We must recognize that it will take years of patient teaching to fit many of them to become communicant members of the church. This may be said of the South Travancore Church Council also, and of other Councils where the percentage is somewhat low. But your Committee does not feel that it is within their province to attempt to explain the reasons for the differences that appear. There are conditions in each Council known to them alone that would explain many things. Your Committee feels that we have not the local knowledge that would enable us fairly and impartially to discuss the problem. Nor if we could are we sure it would be profitable. The only question that we would ask with some diffidence is, whether the fact that as a rule the Councils in the first two groups have developed the Indian Pastorate very much more highly than the Councils of the third and fourth groups would throw some light on the problem. We simply place the facts as we have found them before the Assembly for its prayerful consideration. We would ask that time be spent, not in debating the question of how the differences came, but in trying to find the remedy for the general condition that faces us. Two years ago this Assembly issued a call for a large evangelism. This Assembly has cause to praise God for the results that have been achieved in the evangelistic campaign and for the promise of still greater things. Will not this Assembly in the face of these facts issue a call to all of our churches to pray and work for a great spiritual revival that will bring hundreds into vital relation with Christ? If as a Church we humble ourselves before God and use the God-appointed means to secure this blessing, can we for even one moment doubt that God will give it to us? Is it not after all a question whether we are willing to use the means and pay the price for the blessing? We trust that this Assembly will not adjourn before it has taken time carefully to consider this question.

During the year there have been 2,501 adult baptisms, and 4,419 children's, a total of 6,920. The net gain under baptized adherents for the two years is 5,701 the total being 84,089. All of the Councils have made gains under this head except the Madura West, which lost 1,137, Madura East which lost 223, and the Kanarese, which lost 153. The total baptised community now numbers 113,461 a gain of 8,170.

Under the head of unbaptized adherents we have also forged ahead. There is a gain of 3,962, the total being 51,786. Here again three Councils show losses, viz., Arcot, Kanarese and Jaffna. Two Councils have gained over 1,300 viz., Madura West, and the Telugu.

Two years ago we were called to mourn that the gain in our total Christian community for two years was only 265: and the General Assembly sent out a call for a large evangelistic effort. This year our total Christian community shows a gain of 12,265. We have increased from 153,115 to 165,380. Every one of the Councils has a share in this increase except the Kanarese Council, which shows a loss of 249.

But when we deduct the 134 transferred to the Arcot Council with the Bangalore Tamil congregation, that loss is reduced to only 115. This transference has also covered up an actual loss of three in the Arcot Council. God has graciously changed our defeat in 1912 into a victory in 1914. We praise and bless His name for what He has done.

In work for young people in Sunday schools and Christian Endeavour Societies, the advance shown in other departments has not been maintained. There are 90 new Sunday schools reported, with 64 new teachers, and only 69 additional pupils. This is a very insignificant increase, in view of the fact that our statistics show an increase of 11,407 baptized children on the rolls and 8,089 additional unbaptized children. Several of the Councils have shown gains in the number of children enrolled as pupils. The North Tamil Council heads the list of Councils, showing a gain of 772 pupils. Gooty District and Madura East come next with gains of nearly 600. Then come the Arcot with over 400, and the Telugu with nearly 400, There is a very large falling off of over 1,600 in the Travancore Mission congregation, and 600 in the Madura West. But the large and serious question to be considered is not so much that of gains or losses in individual Councils, but how far our Councils are accomplishing the religious training of the young in Sunday schools. To find this out we have added together the children shown under baptized adherents, and compared the number of children with the number of pupils in the Sunday schools, with the following results in each Council :—

Name of Council.	Total No. of Children.	Total S. S. Pupils.	Result.
Jaffna Council	1,137	3,467	+ 2,330
Arcot Council	3,223	5,264	+ 2,021
Madras Council	3,991	5,164	+ 1,174
North Tamil Council ...	1,939	2,943	+ 1,004
Madura East Council ...	4,760	5,123	+ 363
Kanarese Council ...	477	447	− 30
Madura West Council ...	6,139	4,172	− 1,967
Gooty District	3,898	1,595	− 2,303
Telugu Council	6,183	2,122	− 4,061
Travancore Council ...	12,378	5,695	− 6,683
Travancore Mission Congregation	30,848	11,591	− 19,257

This means that in those Councils where the plus sign appears there are more pupils in the Sunday Schools than there are Christian children in the Councils. Hence presumably every Christian child is in Sunday School. This may not be strictly true, in fact probably is not. But these Councils have gathered into their schools more pupils than they have Christian children. So there is a provision for all the Christians and for non-Christian children as well. For instance, in the Jaffna Council there are 1,137 Christian children. But in their

schools they have 3,467 pupils. So there must be at least 2,330 non-Christian children. There may be more. That would mean that an equal number of Christian children failed to attend. But the presumption is that they are there. So with each Council in this list down to the Madura East Council, where the surplus is but 363. But it is a surplus.

Not so however with the Councils against which the minus sign appears. In these the Sunday School children are less in number than the Christian children. So the number in the last columns represents the Christian children that in those Councils do not attend the Sunday schools. That is, if every child in the Sunday schools of the Kanarese Council were a Christian child, there would still be 30 Christian children left out and neglected. There may be more. There cannot be less. Each non-Christian child or adult Christian attending these schools means one less Christian child in attendance. It is a startling fact that in these minus columns there are no less than 34,303 Christian children that do not attend Sunday School. There may be more. It would not be surprising to find that the number was between 35,000 and 40,000. Your Committee realizes that this table is not one on which we could base a fair comparison between the Councils. A knowledge of the number of adults and non-Christian children in the schools might materially change the conclusions with reference to some of the Councils that seem to have done very well. It is also true that there are a large number of children too young to attend Sunday School. It is not, then, as a comparison between the Councils that we call the Assembly's attention to the fact that large numbers of the Christian children of our Church are not enrolled in our Sunday Schools, a fact the table abundantly proves.

Do we realize its significance? Does any one doubt that if not remedied it means great loss to our South India United Church? We speak of the importance of training the young for Christ. We theoretically accept the teaching of Professor James on the psychology of conversion showing that the great majority of the decisions for Christ are made before the 20th year. And yet we allow such facts as these we have been now considering to escape our attention when they lie on the very surface of our statistics. May the Lord forgive us our slowless of perception! May He teach us the supreme importance of this problem! We trust that this Assembly will issue a call for a great advance in work for the young. We trust that the Assembly's Committee on Work for the young will study these facts in greater detail, in order to understand them thoroughly and devise means to remedy them. We trust the Assembly will ask each Council to appoint a Committee on Work for the young to study the conditions in each of its churches, to keep in touch with the General Assembly's Committee, and to see that every Christian child is enrolled in a Sunday School, and then stretch out to enroll larger numbers of non-Christians as well. We would also suggest the possibility of Sunday School conventions and Normal Study classes to study child nature, and the best method of teaching Christian truth. Work along these lines is, we

believe, one of the pressing needs of our Church. We should see, before another Assembly meets, a great advance in Sunday School Work.

There is another arm in the work for the young, that deserves greater attention; and that is the Christian Endeavour Society. This is the first year in which we have attempted to collect statistics of our Christian Endeavour Work. So we can make no comparison with former years. Our statistics show 715 societies and 15,244 members. The Madura West Council is the banner Council with 150 societies and 4,491 members. The Madura East is a close second with 133 societies and 4,008 members. These two Councils have more than half of the Christian Endeavour work. We believe there are societies in Travancore. But none are reported. Nor are any reported from the Gooty District. The Kanarese Council reports 4 societies, but does not tell us how many members there are. The adaptability of this society to conditions in India, and the good results that follow where it has been introduced and carefully worked, justify us in commending it to the attention of the Councils. We believe that a large extension of this agency will do great good.

In benevolences our churches have again taken a long forward step. We thought we had done very well last year when we made a gain of Rs. 11,670. This year we have gained Rs. 20,344. In 1912 our churches gave Rs. 108,153. In 1914 they have given Rs. 128,497. Every one of the Councils has participated in these gains except the Telugu Council which shows a loss of Rs. 946. But the figures for this Council are not complete. Two churches are reported as giving nothing. These items seem to have been omitted, putting the Council at a disadvantage. The Council that has made the largest gain during the year is the Madura West Council, which gained Rs. 4,746. South Travancore comes next with Rs. 4,130. Jaffna is third with Rs. 3,245.

But after all it is not so much the lump sum gained that tells what the various Councils are doing, as the *per capita* giving. For though the South Travancore Council makes one of the largest lump sum advances, it is still giving much less than a number of other Councils. Your Committee has called the attention of the Assembly to this matter before. But, believing that it will be for the encouragement of those who are doing well, and a stimulus to those that have dropped behind, your Committee would present the following table showing the *per capita* giving of the Councils :—

Name of Council.	Total Congregation.	Contributions.	Rate.
		Rs.	Rs. A. P.
Jaffna	3,553	24,359	6 13 8
Kanarese	1,161	2,655	2 4 7
Madras	9,124	13,790	1 8 2
Arcot	7,601	9,928	1 4 0
Madura, West ...	12,837	15,061	1 2 9

Name of Council.	Total Congregation.	Contributions.	Rate.
			Rs. A. P.
North Tamil ...	5,495	5,886	1 1 1
Madura, East ...	11,780	11,044	0 15 0
Travancore Pastorates ...	28,030	18,949	0 10 9
Travancore Mission ...	58,524	22,928	0 6 3
Gooty District ...	8,253	1,343	0 2 7
Telugu ...	19,022	2,554	0 2 2

From this it will be seen that Jaffna has increased its lead, being in a class by itself. The most notable gain has been made by the Kanarese Council, which has outdistanced all the Councils except Jaffna by giving Rs. 2-4-7 per member. Madura West has joined the Councils that give more than Re. 1. Madura East will, we believe, join this class next year. The Travancore Council has come well above the eight-anna line, and deserves much credit for the advance it has made. The Travancore Mission congregations have made a slight advance. It is to be remembered that there have been very large accessions from the poorest and most degraded classes; and these have chiefly composed the Mission congregations. Such unbaptized adherents in their extreme poverty and ignorance naturally contribute very little; and so the average of the whole is kept low. The results in the Telugu Districts are disappointing. Fuller statistics would undoubtedly change the percentage for the better. Here also the great recent mass movement among the very poor bringing into the Church large numbers of very ignorant members has made the task a very difficult one. The Missionaries in these regions have, we are sure, the profound sympathy of the whole Church in their difficult task. Nor do we wish to add to their difficulties by unfair criticism. But the first step in solving a problem is to state it. And we trust that the statement of the problem in this case will lead to a deeper study of its conditions, and a discovery of the way to solve it. In this connection we would raise the question whether it is a mere coincidence, or whether there is a deeper connection of cause and effect, to be found in the fact that as a rule, in those Councils in which the Indian Pastorate is most highly developed, the statistics seem to indicate a higher degree of efficiency in the congregations. We believe that a most important step in advance in solving many of the problems in the Travancore and Telugu Councils is the ordination of the new pastors in the period under review.

The Madras Church Council shows steady progress in every particular. The Council reports fifteen churches, a gain of two. There are eleven Indian pastors, and four Indian ministers engaged in evangelistic work. There was a net gain of 354 communicants, the total being 2,645. There were 493 baptisms. There was a gain of 238 adherents. The total Christian community is 9,124 a gain of 1,130. Sunday schools show an increase, and Christian Endeavour is well organized with eighty-four societies and 1,809 members. There was a gain of Rs. 2,704 in contributions, the total given being Rs. 13,790.

The Arcot Council also reports steady progress. This Council now has fourteen churches, a gain of one. There are thirteen ministers, a gain of three. Communicants have increased by 106, showing a total of 2,039. There were 111 adult baptisms, and twenty-four baptisms of children. The total Christian community has increased by 131, and stands at 7,601. There has been a gain of 423 Sunday school pupils. There has been a gain of Rs. 1,427 in contributions. The outstanding fact is that this Council received the Bangalore Tamil Church.

The North Tamil Council has made excellent progress. An outstanding fact is that three new churches were organized, making the total sixteen ; and three new ministers were ordained, making the number seven. There is a gain of 133 communicants, 1,045 baptized adherents and 364 unbaptized adherents. The total Christian community is 5,495 a gain of 1,429. There are twenty-two new Sunday schools, and a gain of 772 pupils. There are sixty Christian Endeavour Societies, with 995 members. The total contributions are Rs. 5,886 a gain of Rs. 988. The report on Life and Work calls attention to the increased contributions as a proof of the wisdom of the policy of placing increased responsibility on the Indian Church. The Coimbatore Church has become wholly self-supporting ; and one of the newly organized churches assumed one-half of its own support. A new spirit of independence and manhood permeates all the churches. This is felt even in the village congregations. A new enthusiasm for evangelistic work is manifest in Madras and other places. A new development in Erode is an organization called the "Catch my relation" society. This Council is to be congratulated on the progress it has made.

The Travancore Church Union or Council is stronger than it was two years ago. There are now nineteen pastorates where there were eighteen two years ago. Five ministers have been ordained, making the total eighteen. Communicants number 4,245 a gain of 262. There are 1,007 more baptized adherents. The total Christian community numbers 28,030 a gain of 1,389. The Sunday school has advanced but little. There are at least 6,600 children that are not in Sunday school. This Council has contributed Rs. 18,949 a gain of Rs. 4,170. It has not yet appointed a Committee on Life and Work. But the Secretary of the Council has sent in a few remarks from which the following have been taken. Eighteen months ago five pastorates were vacant. Now only one is vacant, and it is hoped that that will soon be filled. The past year has seen a great change in the attitude of the churches towards the Union and Pastorate system. Churches once fought shy of the Union, and proposals to join it were in most cases received with a little alarm. Pastorates that happened to become vacant refused to have the vacancies filled up. A marked change is to be noted in all these respects. There is a growing desire in all the leading churches to become pastorates and to be connected with the Union. The standard of the pastor is also steadily improving. Pastors unacquainted with English are few. There are graduates and undergraduates as pastors who would have had far better salary prospects in secular work. Great devotion to the work is often

seen. This Council should appoint a Committee on Life and Work, study its many serious problems fully, and find solutions for them.

The statistics of the South Travancore Mission congregations show decided gains in most particulars. We are given no details as to how many congregations there are, nor whether there are any ordained ministers ministering to them. But I presume there are not. No detailed statistics as to communicants are given, only the total, which is 7,114 an increase of 464. There are 2,808 more baptized adherents. The total community numbers 58,524, an increase of 3,387. There has been a falling off of two Sunday schools, seventy-three teachers, and 1,623 pupils. This is to be regretted, in view of the fact that there are nearly 20,000 Christian children not attending Sunday school. The contributions amounted to Rs. 22,928, an increase of Rs. 1,012.

The status of these churches is the same as last year. They are not under the control nor discipline of the South India United Church. They are controlled by the District Missionaries of the Travancore London Mission working through District Councils, which are representative of the Churches. Through lack of information and misunderstanding of the situation the Assembly may be labouring under the wrong impression that these congregations are a somewhat unorganized and chaotic mass of Christians. And if any remarks made in the past by the Committee on Life and Work have given this impression, we regret it very much. These churches are thoroughly organized, and many of them wholly self-supporting. But they are controlled by the Missionaries through the District Councils, and not through the Courts of the South India United Church. Before the formation of the South India United Church, the London Mission formed the present Union of Pastorates. Into this were allowed to enter only churches that had attained the highest efficiency in self-support and self-government. Only churches considered able to stand wholly alone were encouraged to enter this Union. Others were not allowed to enter. This Union, for reasons that we do not wholly understand, was regarded with suspicion and distrust; and a number of churches deemed eligible to enter have up to this time persistently refused to enter it. On the formation of the South India United Church only the Pastorate churches were allowed to unite with it. All others were retained in the Mission organization. Naturally the distrust attaching to the Union of Pastorates has fastened itself on the South India United Church. The other churches feel that they are not wanted in that Church till they have reached a higher degree of perfection. And the feeling is fostered that the strengthening, and fostering, and developing of weak churches cannot be carried on under the South India United Church, and so must be kept in the hands of the London Mission. Your Committee feels that a mistake was made when it was decided that only churches of the highest attainments should unite with our Church, and that all others should wait till they attained a like standard. This was done with the best of motives in order to stimulate all the churches to the highest attainment. But it has worked the other way, apparently. For even churches that were fitted to come held themselves back so as

to have an excuse for not entering the Union. And to continue the distinction means that for all time there would be a section of the Travancore Christians who would have no place in the South India United Church. This distinction, so far as we know, is confined to Travancore. It certainly is not in the mind of the Assembly, nor in the mind of the other Councils, nor of the Mission out of which they have grown. It is undoubtedly the thought and purpose of the South India United Church that every organized congregation, be it self-supporting or not, be it weak or strong, should as an organized Church be connected through the Church Council with itself. We would never tell any Church that it is not to unite with it till it has attained a higher stage of perfection. The procedure in the other Missions and Councils is to connect every organized Church with the Church Councils. For us to take any other attitude would be to stultify ourselves, to say that we could not care for and develop the weaker churches. We feel sure that this Assembly can never agree to put itself in such a position.

If the above is a fair statement of the situation, the Committee on Life and Work would suggest that this Assembly request the London Mission.

1st. To withdraw from the position that only churches of a certain standard of excellence be allowed to unite with the Pastorate Union, and thus with the South India United Church ; and loyally to accept the position that every organized church should be connected with the church through Councils organized under its Constitution. By this we do not mean that the Mission should make no distinction between self-supporting and non-self-supporting churches. But we do ask that the distinction be not used to determine their admission or exclusion from the church :

2nd. To take steps gradually to merge their present organization of District Councils into one or more Church Councils that will bring all of their organized churches into organic union with the South India United Church. This can be done all the more readily as they have just proposed a scheme for linking together their District Councils in a more representative manner, and having between them and the churches Circle Councils. This scheme is at present confined to the non-pastorate Churches. But the sub-committee having the scheme in charge have issued a statement that it opens the way to unite the Pastorate and non-Pastorate churches in one united scheme. The details have not been thought out. But the suggestion comes from the Travancore sub-committee themselves. We believe it is quite possible to find a solution of this difficult problem along this line.

The statistics of the Madura West Council show both losses and gains. This Council has eighteen churches and thirteen ministers, as it had last year. It has received 486 communicants and lost 289 by death and discipline. The total number of communicants is 4,495 a gain of 361. But there have been heavy losses in baptized adherents, viz., 1,773 adults with a gain of 655 children, the net loss being 1,118. To offset this there has been a gain of 1,339 under unbaptized adherents. The net gain in total Christian community has been 582. There has

been a falling off in Sunday School pupils of 609. But the Christian Endeavour statistics are most encouraging. This Council has made the largest gain in contributions, which amounted to Rs. 15,061 a gain of Rs. 4,746.

A carefully drawn up report on Life and Work speaks of the numerical increase, but deprecates the fact that eight of the eighteen churches show a numerical loss. The large percentage of illiteracy is mentioned, and efforts to overcome it are urged. The large advance in contributions is commented on, and the share Harvest Festivals have had in producing this result, as well as in increasing Christian fellowship and deepening spiritual life is mentioned. The great help of the Evangelistic Campaign in stimulating evangelistic work and deepening the spiritual life of the churches is mentioned. The report closes with a mention of the deep interest taken in the Konganadu missionary society.

The Madura East Council shows by its statistics moderate gains in nearly all particulars. There are sixteen churches, one less than in 1912; and fifteen ministers, a gain of one. Four hundred and thirty-four communicants were received, and 234 lost by death and removal. There are now 3,850 communicants a gain of 374. There has been a loss of 223 under baptized adherents, and a gain of 367 in unbaptized adherents. The Christian community numbers 11,780 a gain of 518. There is reported a gain of twelve Sunday schools and 563 scholars. Contributions are Rs. 11,044, a gain of Rs. 395. The report of this Council on Life and Work is so suggestive that a large part of it is given. It says in part,—"In drawing up this report the Committee has been guided largely by a study of the statistical reports of the Madura Mission as they bear upon the question of the church's progress, or otherwise, along the line of self-support and self-propagation.

"Such a study has convinced us that it is very possible to be satisfied with a condition of affairs that is far from satisfactory. We glance over our reports year by year, and imagine we are making good progress. Progress there is, to be sure; but it is not such as to denote a vigorous life or a very intense work.

I. Self-Support

In the year 1914 each one of our 24,810 Christians gave on an average Re. 1-0-6. A year before, this figure was Re. 0-15-6; and ten years ago it was but Re. 0-11-6. In ten years the average contribution per head has increased by 5 annas or by an average of 6 pies every year. This looks like growth; but when we remember that for the same period the fees paid in our Mission schools have increased by more than 250 per cent. this 6 pie growth looks small. When we reflect further that money, when compared with what it will purchase, is worth only about two-thirds, or three-fourths of what it was ten years ago, we find that the seeming growth has been but standing still; and ten years is a long time to stand still.

II. Self-Propagation

Our statistics show us that for the past year we have fallen behind in the following particulars: all of which are indicative of our power as a body to influence those outside.

As compared with the year 1913 we have :—

Fewer Sabbath schools,
Fewer scholars in them,
Fewer children baptized,
Fewer of those baptized in infancy received into the church,
Fewer of those who have come from Hinduism received into the church,
A lower Sabbath service attendance, in spite of an increased community.

"It will be noticed that many of the points at which we have lost ground are those which have to do with the question of the young—the gathering in of the natural growth of the Indian Christian community. Surely it is vain to expect much in the way of self-propagation until we are in a fairly sound position here. If the children of Christian families are drifting away in any considerable proportion, then why seek to add to our responsibilities by taking in more non-Christians?

"While it is impossible to speak with exactness, apart from an amount of work which the present hardly warrants, every indication points to the fact that we are not holding our own in this all-important point. In the first place, the difference between the recorded births and the numbers of baptized persons taken into the church from year to year, over a term of years, is greater than it ought to be to account simply for loss by death. Again, the census of 1911 shows that the increase in population from 1901—11 was, for the Madura and Ramnad Districts, about 14.25 per cent. This may be taken as representing approximately the natural increase of the population for the area in which our churches are at work. Two thousand five hundred and seventy-three persons have been received into the church from among those baptized in infancy in the last two years. This works out at less than the per cent. of increase in the population generally.

"Another matter to which attention may well be directed is our community of adherents, or non-communicants. Ten years ago 70 per cent. of our whole community was in this embryonic and most unsatisfactory state. Last year, though the proportion had dropped to 67 per cent. the actual number of adherents had increased by about 3,500. We should look not only for a proportional reduction as compared with our church members, but for an actual reduction of the number who are halted in this half-way house.

"A third consideration is the average size of our village congregations. Ten years ago this was only thirty-six. In that period it has risen to forty-one. This movement is in the right direction. When we

stop to consider the advantage in every way of having large and well established congregations, it will become clear to all that it is well worth our while as a church definitely to plan our work in such a way that this subject shall have more attention. It is encouraging to note that already such a movement is on foot in connection with the Evangelistic Campaign. Let us hope that it will not stop until our ordinary village congregations shall be numbered by scores and hundreds instead of by units and tens.

"The present is a most opportune time to take stock of such questions as are here raised. In a year when we are looking forward to great blessing as a result of the special efforts that are now being made. It is of first importance to discover, if possible, what are our greatest needs. We shall not be far wrong if we set before us the following watch words :—

Hold the young for Christ ;
Bring the adherent to Christ ;
Strengthen our congregations in Christ."

The Kanarese Church Council is our smallest Council. Its numbers have been reduced by losing the Bangalore Tamil congregation. This has helped to make every item one of loss. There are two less congregations. The one Indian minister was transferred with the Tamil congregation. The total of communicants is 368, a loss of 40. As 68 communicants were transferred, this item of loss is really changed into a gain of 28. But this is the only item changed. There is a loss of 153 in baptized adherents, and 249 in the total Christian community. But there has been a gain of Rs. 278 in contributions. The total given is Rs. 2,655 making this church the second in *per capita* giving. This Council evidently has no Committee on Life and Work. It finds it difficult to submit the statistics called for by the General Assembly. The statistics submitted are incomplete in many respects. We will quote a few remarks by the Secretary of the Council on Life and Work. "You will notice that we have not a single Indian Pastor in the full sense of the term. For the present the Missionary is supposed to be the Pastor, and the Mission Evangelists are in charge of the Pastoral work. We are trying to bring two or three churches to the first grade, and it will be the duty of these churches to call their Pastor and get them ordained. But still all are very poor in many respects. We are in the days of small things. What we really need is spiritual awakening in our churches. When that is really begun, all other things are sure to follow in the right direction."

The Jaffna Council is small but highly developed. It differs from many others in having had no mass movement. The number of churches and ministers is the same as in 1912, viz., 21 congregations, and 11 ministers. There has been a gain of 45 communicants, who now number 2,219. There has been a gain of 121 in baptized adherents. The total community is 3,553, a gain of 106. There has been a large loss of 583 in Sunday School pupils. But this Council has still further increased its lead in benevolence. It has contributed this year

Rs. 22,359 a gain of Rs. 3,245. Although this Council has a committee on Life and Work, it has presented only its statistics.

The Telugu Council is one of our largest Councils, and has made substantial gains in every particular except benevolence. There are two more churches than in 1912. Two Indian ministers have been ordained, making three in all. There are 1,328 communicants, a gain of 438. Baptized adherents number 10,351 a gain of 1,443. Unbaptized adherents number 7,343, a gain of 1,304. The total Christian community has gained 3,185 and numbers 19,022. There has been a gain of 397 Sunday School pupils. This Council has made good use of Christian Endeavour, having 67 societies and 1,097 members. The figures show a loss of Rs. 946 in contributions.

The Life and Work report of this Council speaks of the special efforts to stimulate and instruct both workers and Christian Endeavour society members by special meetings. These have been helpful in making them witness boldly for Christ, and in purifying and uplifting their lives. Poverty still leads some to take part in idolatrous ceremonies for gain. But even this is decreasing. Illegal marriages and concubinage have been practised in some cases. Wrong and superstitious ideas about the Lord's supper have kept many from becoming communicants. But systematic teaching is overcoming this. The substantial gain in communicants shows this.

Discipline is strictly maintained through Panchayats and District Councils, which carefully enquire into all offences and mete out punishment. The people willingly submit to their discipline.

A desire for education has been stimulated by the teaching of English in station schools. But parents are still slow to educate their girls.

Co-operative societies have been established by the Y. M. C. A. in a few instances; and the people have shown themselves very eager to benefit by them. This movement is still in its beginnings. But it is hoped that it will materially improve the economic condition of the people.

It is encouraging to note that the people are learning to contribute for benevolent purposes, in addition to their contributions for church support. Contributions have been given for the National Missionary Society, the Hospital, and the Bible Society.

The report closes with the statement that even the caste people are beginning to appreciate Christianity, as is shown by the fact that they at times call in Christian workers to settle their caste disputes.

It only remains to review the Gooty District returns. We are not told how many organized churches there are. There seems to be no Indian minister connected with this group. There has been a gain of 40 communicants, 545 baptized adherents, and 72 unbaptized adherents. The total Christian community is 8,253 a gain of 657. Mr. Whyte, the Missionary in charge, writes that he has been working steadily to perfect the organization of these Christians, and hopes soon to have them connected with the Telugu Council. He feels that the delay in accomplishing this is not altogether a detriment, as the

people will be better fitted to take up their new responsibilities. The accession of a very large number of ignorant people compared with the few workers available, has made the task of organizing these Christians a very difficult one. The situation would seem to emphasize the importance and necessity of developing the Indian Pastorate as soon as suitable men are available.

In this review of the Life and Work of our Church, your Committee so far has made no mention of the Evangelistic Campaign and its results. As this Campaign is in the hands of a special Committee who will give a full report to this Assembly there is no need that we should deal with it. But we cannot refrain from stating our conviction that nothing has taken place in the short history of our church of greater import or larger significance than this Evangelistic Campaign. It can hardly have had much effect on the statistics that we have reported. For the actual work of the Campaign did not begin till this year. But we believe God had been preparing the way for it in many hearts. The ingathering we have already noted shows that the time was ripe for the movement. Under God's guidance it must mean great things for us and for the whole of Christ's Church in South India. Our church has never seen anything like the enthusiasm awakened by this week of Evangelism. Its result will be far reaching. We would bespeak from all of our Councils and Churches an enthusiastic participation in the still unfinished part of the Campaign work.

In bringing this report to a conclusion your Committee would ask this Assembly once again to emphasize the importance of completeness and accuracy in the statistical reports presented to the Assembly, and the value of a careful review of the work of each Council in an annual report on Life and Work.

We would also remind the Assembly of the special cause for thanksgiving and praise to God in view of the signal advance that has been made in our work for the period under review. We thank God that there has been growth in every line of our work, and that our church is stronger than ever before. But at the same time we would not forget that there are still conditions that are fraught with the greatest danger, and problems for the solution of which we need God's special grace and wisdom. One of these is the care and instruction of the young. We trust that this Assembly will call the attention of all the Councils to the supreme importance of the work in Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavour Societies. The other serious problem is the large number of adherents in our church that need to be brought to Christ. We trust that this Assembly, recognizing the great need for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, will call upon the Councils and churches through prayer and the study of God's word, in retreats and conventions, and at the secret place, earnestly to strive to fulfil the conditions of a great spiritual revival.

L. R. SCUDDER,
Convener.

STATISTICS

APPEN

Statistics of

Church		Officers		Communicants							Baptized Adherents		
Name of Church Council	Organized Churches	Pastors	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Madras ...	15	11	76	17	131	177	19	25	2	173	2645	1647	3002	4649
Arcot ...	14	13	64	40	145	80	22	39	14	165	2039	1820	2631	4451
N. Tamil ...	16	7	109	...	28	49	22	16	1	14	883	1524	2287	3811
S. Travancore, Pastorates.	19	18	...	185	42	192	11	71	12	44	4245	7870	7997	15867
S. Travancore, Mission.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7114	12312	18469	30781
Madura West ...	18	13	19	82	172	314	...	71	18	200	4495	828	4514	5342
Madura East ...	16	15	...	20	142	292	...	52	8	174	3850	1216	1827	3043
Kanarese ...	8	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	368	304	459	763
Jaffna ...	21	11	...	42	38	79	6	34	13	41	2219	44	1137	1181
Telugu ...	18	3	...	731	4	61	...	49	11	35	1328	7325	3026	10351
Gooty District ...	...	...	308	...	...	36	...	5	1	3	255	2038	1876	3914
Total ...	145	91	576	1145	702	1280	80	362	80	849	29441	36928	47225	84153

DIX C.

Councils

	Unbaptized Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			C. E. Societies		Contributions		
Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
* 16	17	18	19	† 20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7294	841	989	1830	9124	164	329	148	282	5164	84	1809	12034	1756	13790
6490	456	655	1111	7601	111	241	147	293	5264	109	2619	8097	1831	9928
4694	415	386	801	5495	200	216	106	146	2943	60	995	5105	781	5886
20112	3537	4381	7918	28030	253	767	142	338	5695	...	...	16291	2658	18949
37895	8250	12379	20629	58524	1010	1399	275	444	11591	...	...	17196	5732	22928
9837	1375	1625	3000	12837	33	312	135	230	4172	150	4491	12511	2550	15061
6893	1954	2933	4887	11780	185	263	149	247	5123	133	4008	10061	983	11044
1131	12	18	30	1161	...	...	14	31	447	4	...	1992	663	2655
3400	153	...	153	3553	40	94	74	247	3467	8	225	21141	3218	24359
11679	4186	3157	7343	19022	307	540	147	152	2122	67	1097	1807	747	2554
4169	2062	2022	4084	8253	198	266	64	74	1595	...	...	1007	336	1343
113594	23241	28545	51786	165380	2501	4427	1401	2484	47583	615	15244	107242	21255	128497

* Includes 12 and 15. † Includes 16 and 19.

APPEN

Statistics of

Madras Church Council.

Church				Officers		Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
College ...	1895	Rev. P. B. Ragaviah...	Tamil	7	...	4	7	...	1	...	...	197
Royapuram and Thangal.	1879	„ S. Paramanandam		3	...	4	8	3	5	..	...	343
Chingleput ...	1888	„ M. L. Jeevaratnam		4	3	8	1	...	1	..	25	101
Chingleput villages.	1908			4	...	...	6	..	1	...	2	122
Melrosapuram ...	1898	„ A. T. Krishnan...		4	...	2	...	..	1	1	4	53
Yehamur ...	1856	„ S. Sigamani ...		9	...	22	39	...	9	...	49	428
Ranipettai ...	1856	„ J. Selvam ...		9	...	52	32	...	2	.	56	245
Tindivanam ...	1856	„ P. Arivanandam		3	3	13	18	...	1	.	22	94
Orathur ...	1870	„ O. Asirvadam ...		7	6	...	16	...	...	...	...	242
Gingi ...	1895	„ Iyavu Paul ...		4	5	5	8	3	2	...	4	298
Wandiwash ...	1911			3	...	5	...	...	1	...	6	89
St. Andrew's, Madras.	1851	„ G. S. Vedanayagam.		4	..	...	27	...	..	..	...	151
Arkonam ...	1867	„ Y. Devasirvadam		6	...	13	11	13	1	1	5	120
Vizagapatam ...				7	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	131
Chitravalsa ...				2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	18
Madras villages ...				...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
		Total ...		76	17	131	177	19	25	2	173	2645

Other members of Council—Rev. A. Andrew.
„ E. M. Mcphail.
„ A. Moffat.
„ Meshac Peter.
„ J. Solomon.
„ Michael Peter
Rev. L. R. Scudder.
„ W. T. Scudder.
„ A. Silver.
„ W. Skinner.
„ J. Stewart.
„ A. Templeton.

DIX D.

Congregations

Secretary, Rev. Meshac Peter, Vellore.

Baptized Adherents				Unbaptized Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			C. E. Societies		Contributions		
Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
14	15	16	*17	18	19	20	†21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
...	208	208	405	...	18	18	423	28	8	1	1	30	3	65	1520	8	1528
147	218	365	708	...	...	...	708	3	9	2	7	129	...	...	1803	381	2184
71	175	246	347	6	13	19	366	1	15	7	19	254	4	152	987	875	1862
114	176	290	412	192	148	340	752	8	24	17	25	486	2	53	456	...	456
63	65	128	181	...	10	10	191	1	11	3	4	135	1	17	374	...	374
440	598	1038	1466	205	281	486	1952	68	112	17	20	469	17	351	552	23	575
144	293	437	682	158	177	335	1017	38	51	20	66	1107	10	325	851	156	1007
24	183	207	301	61	60	121	422	9	12	10	34	585	4	171	642	103	745
218	283	501	743	74	118	192	935	6	14	17	17	450	15	219	368	23	391
123	278	401	699	42	63	105	804	1	24	17	20	495	15	240	309	40	349
53	122	175	264	73	80	153	417	1	6	9	17	357	8	89	161	88	249
66	129	195	346	2	2	4	350	3	6	8	8	130	2	52	1531	24	1555
75	149	224	344	19	16	35	379	26	36	6	24	325	3	75	529	35	564
70	85	155	236	...	...	...	286	...	3	4	4	...	...	...	1727	...	1727
22	18	40	58	..	...	...	58	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	224	...	224
17	22	39	52	9	3	12	64	1	...	7	13	212	...	...	...	...	...
1647	3002	4649	7294	841	989	1830	9124	168	329	148	282	5164	84	1809	12034	1756	13790

* Includes 13 and 16.

† Includes 17 and 20.

Arcot Church Council.

Church				Officers		Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Arni	1856	Rev. C. Whitehead		5	...	7	2	...	4	1	23	171
Gnanodiam ...	1868			3	2	8	15	13	4	2	7	209
Vellore ...	1854	„ S. Cornelius...		4	3	7	5	...	1	3	25	225
Katpadi ...	1867	„ B. Thomas ...		6	7	17	8	6	3	...	17	217
Serkadu and Kandiputur.	1867	„ N. Jothinayagam.		5	5	8	2	...	2	...	8	275
Chittoor ...	1854	„ N. John Kay..	Tamil and Telugu	7	5	31	16	3	9	5	23	290
Sriperumbudur ...	1908	„ S. Chellan ...		4	...	7	1	...	2	2	11	107
Conjeveram and Walajabad.	1897	„ V. Vedanayagam.		5	...	13	1	...	3	...	11	105
Madanapalle ...	1865	„ Joseph John..		4	2	13	13	...	5	...	13	114
Burukayalkota ...	1908	„ Elijah John ...		4	4	10	7	...	1	1	8	102
Punganur ...	1909	„ Bushanam ...		3	4	7	1	...	1	...	8	48
Palmaner ...	1860	„ S. Thomas ...		3	4	4	...	...	1	...	3	43
Gudiyatam ...		„ John Bashiam		3	4	7	8	...	2	...	8	65
Bangalore ...		„ S. Francis ...		8	...	6	1	...	1	...	...	68
		Total ...		64	40	145	80	22	39	14	165	2039

Other members of Council—Rev. J. H. Maclean.
„ W. Meston.
„ G. Pittendrigh.
„ B. Rottschaefer.
„ E. C. Scudder.
„ W. S. Sutherland.
Rev. J. M. Sundaram.
„ E. Tavamani.
„ F. Kingsbury.
„ G. E. Phillips.
„ D. S. Herrick.
„ J. H. Warnshuis.

Secretary, Rev. S. Cornelius, Vellore

Baptized Adherents				Unbaptized Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			C. E. Societies		Contributions		
Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
14	15	16	* 17	18	19	20	† 21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
99	229	328	499	18	24	42	541	...	13	14	38	690	9	216	353	50	403
149	243	392	601	36	65	101	702	5	21	9	11	313	6	132	217	26	243
59	188	247	472	5	...	5	477	...	11	10	50	573	6	188	1027	1082	2109
314	270	584	801	70	137	207	1008	18	40	17	22	588	17	327	574	118	692
237	355	592	867	32	93	125	992	13	35	10	17	320	11	255	364	28	392
251	424	675	965	78	100	178	1143	17	35	25	46	872	24	629	652	121	773
147	152	299	406	56	71	127	533	...	...	16	18	311	5	102	533	44	577
91	109	200	305	3	24	27	332	...	3	1	3	40	4	52	766	145	911
89	197	286	400	17	16	33	433	3	11	4	23	337	4	171	960	14	974
188	151	339	441	41	33	74	515	14	24	12	14	265	10	208	472	28	500
50	79	129	177	40	37	77	254	7	4	15	23	380	4	80	953	75	1028
18	35	53	96	3	1	4	100	...	5	3	12	122	3	64	227	51	278
125	137	262	327	57	53	110	437	34	31	10	14	423	6	195	239	26	265
3	62	65	133	...	1	1	134	...	8	1	2	30	...	...	760	23	783
1820	2631	4451	6490	456	655	1111	7601	111	241	147	293	5264	109	2619	8097	1831	9928

* Includes 13 and 16.

† Includes 17 and 20.

North Tamil Provincial Church Council.

Church				Officers		Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Coimbatore ...	1830	Rev. A. Samuel ...	Tamil	5	...	4	7	7	2	1	...	135
Mettupalyam ...	1864	„ D. P. Doraisamy		2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	40
Podanur ...	1913			3	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	38
Erode ...	1908	„ G. Gnanamuthu		7	...	5	4	...	3	...	7	81
Vijayamangalam...	1913	„ P. Thangamuthu		11	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	65
Perundurai ...	1909			6	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	33
Bhavani ...	1913	„ S. Kohlhoff ...		4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	17
Kanjicoil ...	1909			20	...	...	14	...	4	...	...	71
Kangyam ...	1912			10	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	18
Salem ...	1909	„ T. D. Moses ...		11	...	5	4	...	2	...	...	111
Chandaripet ...	1910			4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	32
Attur ...	1910			4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	35
Yercaud ...	1910			5	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	23
Pursewalkam ...	1872	„ W. E. H. Organe		8	...	...	16	15	1	...	...	151
Pulicat ...	1911			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Gumidipundi ...	1908			9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
		Total ...		109	...	28	49	22	16	1	14	883

Other members of Council—Rev. R. Robertson. Rev. A .W. Brough.
„ G. Matthews. „ W. J. Hatch.
„ H. A. Popley. „ T. C. Witney.
„ J. N. Devadasan. „ James Rathinam.

Secretary, Mr. R. S. Visuvasam, Erode

Baptized Adherents				Unbaptized Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			C.E. Societies		Contributions		
Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
14	15	16	* 17	18	19	20	† 21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
53	186	239	374	2	4	6	380	2	7	11	20	650	1	45	747	26	773
52	28	80	120	20	8	28	148	7	7	2	2	70	1	23	232	10	242
20	10	30	68	60	30	90	158	2	2	4	4	150	1	12	202	6	208
381	194	575	656	35	54	89	745	51	45	21	34	591	15	294	882	83	965
313	161	474	539	111	114	225	764	33	35	13	13	170	9	95	156	5	161
253	165	418	451	52	48	100	551	17	19	7	7	108	6	60	114	18	132
9	20	29	46	4	10	14	60	4	3	3	5	136	1	25	171	7	178
360	246	606	677	69	79	148	825	40	36	15	17	268	15	259	164	12	176
142	73	215	233	30	10	40	273	40	33	8	8	128	8	152	50	1	51
103	196	299	410	4	17	21	431	...	9	3	5	125	1	...	631	74	705
...	...	138	170	...	...	...	170	1	6	1	1	19	...	...	60	13	73
...	...	119	154	...	...	...	154	1	1	4	7	100	...	...	135	23	158
...	...	127	150	...	...	...	150	...	1	1	2	17	...	...	124	17	141
69	200	269	420	...	...	...	420	2	12	3	11	233	2	30	1217	447	1664
7	6	13	20	...	...	...	20	...	...	4	4	32	...	...	72	...	72
115	65	180	206	28	12	40	246	...	...	6	6	146	...	...	148	39	187
1877	1550	3811	4694	415	386	801	5495	200	216	106	146	2943	60	995	5105	781	5886

* Includes 13 and 16.
† Includes 17 and 20.

South Travancore Church Council.

Church				Officers		Communicants							Baptized Adherents		
Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Nagercoil	1866	Rev. John M. Kesari	Tamil and Malayalam	...	7	22	5	...	10	1	...	415	560	781	1341
Anandanadankudi	1914	„ V. Arulanantham.		...	5	2	6	...	1	...	1	77	161	117	278
Santhapuram	1879	„ A. V. Barnabas		...	6	3	9	...	2	...	3	122	192	160	352
Zionpuram	1879	„ V. Visuvasam..		...	5	2	4	1	...	...	1	144	211	205	416
Puthalam	1903	„ S. Vedamani ...		...	7	...	8	...	3	1	4	147	250	163	413
Thamarakulam	1891	„ S. Abraham ...		...	12	3	6	...	4	...	6	214	323	296	619
Agasteespuram	1867	„ M. Solomon ...		...	11	2	2	...	...	...	...	130	184	125	309
Neyyoor	1866	„ N. H. Harris ...		...	7	4	10	...	3	...	...	176	414	351	765
Kardanalaikuntu	1882	„ I. Joel ...		...	10	...	8	...	4	...	2	231	430	431	911
Kallukootam	1904	„ M. Vedamanickam.		...	5	...	12	...	4	...	...	171	407	478	885
Martandam	1893	„ A. Samuel ...		...	12	...	4	...	4	...	1	229	354	437	791
Parechaley	1893	„ G. Ebenezer ...		...	23	...	20	...	8	...	...	263	855	554	1409
Irenipuram	1836			...	6	...	21	...	1	2	1	184	350	393	743
Christucoil	1893	„ S. Devasahayam.		...	7	...	11	...	4	...	...	203	667	448	1115
Ameravilai	1880	„ N. Joseph ...		...	17	...	11	...	6	...	...	250	649	557	1206
Trivandram	1895	„ Timothy Daniel		...	7	4	5	...	2	...	5	220	176	363	539
Nayathikara	1878	„ M. S. Seemmonson.		...	10	...	19	1	3	1	15	334	845	814	1659
Nellikakuli	1886	„ W. G. Rasalam.		...	20	...	29	1	12	1	5	628	563	1130	1693
Venganur	1906	„ J. Samanam ...		...	8	...	2	8	...	6	...	107	229	194	423
		Total ...		...	185	42	192	11	71	12	44	4245	7870	7997	15867
Travancore Mission ...		(In charge of L.M.S.)		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7114	...	...	30781
		Grand Total ...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11359	...	...	46648

Other members of Council—Rev. I. David.
„ A. Parker.
„ A. T. Foster.
„ H. Hewett.
„ C. Sinclair.
„ S. Matthias.
Rev. Samuel David.
„ I. H. Hacker.
„ W. J. Edmunds.
„ G. Parker.
„ S. Cave.
„ V. Devavaram.

Secretary, Mr. Paul Daniel, Nagercoil

	Unbaptized Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			C. E. Societies		Contributions		
Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
*17	18	19	20	†21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1756	52	311	363	2119	8	39	6	65	650	...	...	2986	749	3735
355	32	48	80	435	6	13	6	5	150	...	...	343	19	362
474	44	51	95	569	2	23	3	9	150	...	...	618	25	643
560	32	97	129	689	5	24	7	16	282	...	...	583	35	618
560	42	68	110	670	4	14	8	19	113	...	...	536	509	1045
833	35	53	88	921	3	23	11	11	315	...	...	723	32	755
439	28	65	93	532	1	14	8	7	310	...	...	363	11	374
941	64	69	133	1074	16	60	1	6	120	...	...	901	43	944
1142	214	365	579	1721	14	27	4	8	135	...	...	963	29	992
1056	159	184	343	1399	3	17	5	8	234	...	...	537	27	564
1020	109	217	326	1346	10	25	8	14	229	...	...	865	16	881
1672	726	714	1440	3112	72	99	23	24	322	...	...	692	179	871
927	163	177	340	1267	7	37	6	9	157	...	...	386	12	398
1318	274	290	564	1882	12	43	4	11	165	...	...	1081	15	1096
1456	802	594	1396	2852	36	47	15	15	210	...	...	768	40	808
759	11	13	24	783	7	17	1	20	240	...	...	1406	...	1406
1993	418	462	880	2873	32	114	7	25	626	...	...	1009	70	1079
2321	159	466	625	2946	7	107	16	57	996	...	...	1249	834	2083
530	173	137	310	840	8	24	3	9	311	...	...	281	14	295
20112	3537	4381	7918	28030	253	767	142	338	5695	...	...	16291	2658	18949
37895	...	...	20629	...	1010	1399	275	444	11591	...	...	...	...	22928
58007	...	...	28547	...	1263	2166	417	782	17286	...	...	...	...	41877

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† Includes 17 and 20.

Madura West Church Council.

Church				Officers		Communicants						
Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Dindigal East ...	1837	Rev. A. David ...	Tamil	...	9	...	30	...	4	5	...	358
Dindigal West ...	1871	„ G. Joseph ...		...	18	8	7	...	7	...	4	343
Dindigal Station ...	1838	„ P. Addison Hull.		...	2	18	20	...	5	...	5	280
Palani	1864			...	...	14	17	...	7	...	3	192
Kodaikanal ...	1857	„ G. P. George.		...	11	37	23	...	15	...	93	228
Kottaimedu ...	1858	„ A. Masilamani		...	2	12	4	...	8	...	2	176
Andipatti	1859	„ S. A. Devasahayam.		...	7	10	29	..	3	6	16	276
Kombai	1856	„ S. Nallathambi		6	9	12	2	...	1	1	6	230
Kovilapuram ...	1856	„ R. C. Selvanayagam.		...	...	5	66	...	4	..	5	312
Bodinaikkanoor ...	1856	„ S. Vethamanickam.		6	3	4	2	...	1	...	...	223
Kambam	1856	„ S. Isaac ...		5	2	1	23	...	4	4	2	304
Batlagundu ...	1878	„ V. Santiagu...		...	...	6	31	...	2	...	31	246
Pommanpatti ...	1876			...	...	3	1	...	1	...	15	74
Silkuvarpatti ...	1858			1	1	4	9	...	5	...	...	80
Pasumalai ...	1868	„ C. N. Eames...		...	6	6	28	...	...	.	12	430
Tirumangalam ...	1839	„ P. Thomas ...		...	11	28	12	...	...	...	6	589
Ammapatti ...	1872			1	1	...	8	...	4	..	...	100
Chandlerpuram ...	1878			...	...	4	2	...	...	2	...	54
		Total...		19	82	172	314	...	71	18	200	4495

Other members of Council—Rev. J. E. Tracy. Rev. W. P. Elwood.
„ W. D. Osborne. „ B. V. Mathews.
„ J. J. Banninga. „ E. P. Holton.
„ J. X. Miller. „ L. C. Powers.
„ A. Pichamutthu. „ C. G. Marshall.

Secretary, Rev. A. Masillamani, Periakulam

Baptized Adherents				Unbaptized Adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			C.E. Societies		Contributions		
Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
14	15	16	* 17	18	19	20	† 21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
28	397	425	783	2	6	8	791	...	19	8	12	174	12	266	408	35	443
...	338	338	681	254	210	464	1145	...	44	13	20	227	13	162	358	166	524
69	379	448	728	35	18	53	781	...	20	7	27	437	7	399	880	368	1248
...	218	218	410	170	234	404	814	...	15	9	14	309	16	473	435	90	525
12	230	242	470	...	12	12	482	3	20	4	12	120	4	290	915	80	995
51	258	309	485	...	6	6	491	...	23	8	12	234	18	165	437	40	477
114	251	365	641	...	...	...	641	8	21	14	14	398	14	459	594	69	663
100	140	240	470	200	128	328	798	1	13	12	22	578	10	514	809	489	1298
...	502	502	814	...	153	153	967	...	35	6	12	202	8	314	867	150	1017
54	350	404	627	26	53	79	706	5	11	6	6	146	6	151	350	200	550
300	162	462	766	100	307	407	1173	...	32	7	7	251	7	310	700	177	877
...	195	195	441	...	131	131	572	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	930	185	1115
...	44	44	118	...	33	33	151	...	4	1	1	20	1	50	200	20	220
...	75	75	155	22	5	27	182	...	5	4	5	140	4	100	120	44	164
100	221	321	751	20	15	35	786	5	14	9	33	462	10	361	1096	315	1411
...	598	598	1187	546	231	777	1964	11	17	24	30	378	17	328	3262	70	3332
...	88	88	188	...	26	26	214	...	5	2	3	50	2	70	105	40	145
...	68	68	122	...	57	57	179	...	2	1	...	46	1	79	45	12	57
828	4514	5342	9837	1375	1625	3000	12837	33	312	135	230	4172	150	4491	12511	2550	15061

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Madura East Church Council.

Church			Officers		Communicants					
Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Madura East Gate	1872	Rev. Y. S. Taylor ...	Tamil and English	...	3	2	11	...	4	1	3	366
Madura North Union.	1904	„ G. Thangam ...		...	1	2	28	...	3	.	19	392
Madura South Gate.	1895	„ M.S. Nallathambi		.	1	12	8	...	6	...	11	138
Madura West Gate.	1868	„ J. Rowland ...		...	1	10	12	...	7	...	33	182
Aruppukottai ...	1883	„ Samuel Joseph...		...	1	21	8	..	2	3	4	404
Kamuti ...	1889	„ Y. J. Taylor ...		...	1	30	53	...	4	...	36	433
Mallankinaru ...	1855	„ N.Gnanasigamani		...	1	2	...	...	1	...	2	89
Karisakulam ...	1855	„ S. Gnanamuthu..		...	1	5	13	...	1	...	11	179
Mandapasalai ...	1851	„ R. Daniel ...		...	2	7	101	...	3	2	2	426
Mundudaipu ...	1894	„ A. Gnanamuthu.		...	1	...	18	...	2	...	9	151
Paralachi ...	1855			...	2	...	2	...	1	...	9	110
Sevalputti ...	1855	„ G. P. Vethanayagam.		...	1	13	26	...	7	2	9	348
Manamadura ...	1864	„ P. Asirvadam ...		...	1	6	4	...	2	...	2	260
Melur ...	1848	„ M. S. Thiruthuvathason.		...	1	23	3	...	4	...	24	154
Tirupuvanam ...	1838	„ Y. D. Samuel ...		...	1	...	5	...	5	...	...	174
Sethur ...	1911	„ M. Meyyappan.		...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	44
		Total ...		...	20	142	292	...	52	8	174	3850

Other members of Council—Rev. F. VanAllen, M.D. Rev. C. S. Vaughan.
„ W. W. Wallace. „ A. A. Martin.
„ W. M. Zumbro. „ J. M. Hess.
„ A. J. Saunders. „ F. E. Jeffery.

Secretary, Rev. Y. J. Taylor, Kamuthi, Ramnad District

Baptized Adherents				Unbaptized Adherents				Bap-tisms during year	Sunday Schools			C. E. Socie-ties		Contributions		
Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
14	15	16	* 17	18	19	20	† 21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
...	...	295	661	...	...	76	737	2	16	8	...	430	5	290	888	75	963
...	...	225	617	...	...	186	803	1	6	15	...	795	14	773	955	120	1075
...	...	97	235	...	...	40	275	3	12	14	...	327	3	52	1256	13	1269
...	...	153	335	...	...	...	335	9	9	2	...	160	2	42	679	205	884
...	...	477	881	...	...	305	1186	8	24	21	...	857	24	904	1012	100	1112
...	...	274	707	...	...	750	1457	42	45	15	...	260	12	267	668	37	705
...	...	234	323	...	...	37	360	2	4	4	...	150	4	59	418	12	430
...	...	164	343	...	...	187	530	5	7	5	...	156	6	201	510	33	543
...	...	384	810	...	...	561	1371	79	72	15	...	424	10	186	646	30	676
...	...	68	219	...	...	298	517	15	8	4	...	147	4	95	582	13	595
...	...	96	206	...	...	159	365	...	4	1	...	30	1	40	71	...	71
...	...	182	530	...	...	667	1197	18	24	12	...	537	13	345	718	70	788
...	...	215	475	...	...	662	1137	...	6	8	...	262	9	284	610	175	785
...	...	54	208	...	...	96	304	1	11	15	...	425	13	319	600	55	655
...	...	106	280	...	...	302	582	...	15	9	...	140	10	129	256	29	285
...	...	19	63	...	...	561	624	...	...	1	...	23	3	22	192	16	208
...	...	3043	6893	...	...	4887	11780	185	263	149	...	5123	133	4008	10061	983	11044

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† Includes 17 and 20.

Kanarese Church Council.

Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Officers: Elders	Officers: Deacons	Communicants: Added by Certificate	Communicants: Added by Examination	Communicants: Restored to Roll	Communicants: Deceased	Communicants: Disciplined	Communicants: Removed for other causes during the year	Communicants: Number on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bangalore Kanarese.	...		Kanarese	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
Chickabalapur and Goribidelanoor.	...			...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Hosur ...	...			...	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	26
Brucepettah, Bellary. ...	1907			...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Cowl Bazaar, Bellary.	1907			...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Bevanahalli ...	1907			...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Muruvani ...	1907			...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Adoni ...	1912			...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
		Total ...		...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	368

Other members of Council—Rev. B. Lucas.
„ E. H. Lewis.
„ G. Wilkins.
„ J. Mathers.
Rev. H. F. W. Lester.
„ F. A. Stowell.
„ S. J. Cox.

Secretary, Mr. H. G. Silappa, Bellary

BAPTIZED ADHERENTS				UNBAPTIZED ADHERENTS				BAPTISMS DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS			C. E. SOCIETIES		CONTRIBUTIONS		
Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
14	15	16	* 17	18	19	20	† 21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
...	...	205	328	...	...	3	331	...	...	8	22	305	2	...	...	...	877
...	...	97	160	...	...	14	174	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	281
...	...	18	44	...	...	7	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
...	...	259	349	...	...	6	355	...	...	6	9	142	2	...	...	...	760
...	...	43	58	...	...	...	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
...	...	22	38	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
...	...	57	76	...	...	...	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	252
...	...	62	78	...	...	...	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	221
...	...	763	1131	...	...	30	1161	...	...	14	31	447	4	...	...	...	2655

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† Includes 17 and 20.

Jaffna Church Council.

CHURCH				OFFICERS		COMMUNICANTS						
Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Varany ...	1895			2	5	2	...	1	1	3	2	64
Vaddukoddai ...	1817	Rev. S. Veerakatty ...		2	1	2	...	...	3	...	1	98
Araly ...	1907	„ W. I. S. Nathaniel		2	1	1	...	...	2	...	2	74
Karadive ...	1855	„ Isaac Paul ...		2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	103
Velanai ...	1858	„ R. P. Bryant ...		2	7	6	...	...	1	...	...	54
Sangarai ...	1872			2	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	59
Moolai ...	1880			2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	25
Manepai ...	1831	„ F. N. Anketall ...		2	2	3	...	...	2	...	13	142
Sandelipay ...	1908			2	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	45
Pandateruppu ...	1831			2	3	...	...	...	2	5	...	85
Navaly ...	1860	„ W. H. Joseph ...		2	1	7	...	...	2	...	...	276
Uduvil ...	1831	„ S. Eliathamby ...		2	2	31	...	...	9	...	...	567
Alavetty ...	1870			2	1	1	...	...	1	...	3	49
Tellippalai ...	1831	„ C. D. Vellupillai...		2	1	11	...	2	1	1	6	145
North Erlalai ...	1886			2	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	44
South Erlalai ...	1888			2	3	...	...	...	...	1	6	48
Chavakachcherri.	1834	„ J. K. Sinnathambi.		2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Nunavil ...	1896			2	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	45
Usan ...	1912			2	2	...	...	1	2	...	...	42
Udupiddy ...	1847	„ S. R. Hitchcock ...		2	...	8	...	2	1	3	2	124
Atchuvaty ...	1892	„ E. I. Williams ...		2	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	67
		Total ...	...	42	38	79	...	6	34	13	41	2219

Tamil and English

Other members of Council—Rev. J. H. Dickson. Rev. T. B. Scott, M. D.

„ G. G. Brown. „ John Bicknell.

Secretary, Mr. A. Abraham, Vaddukoddai

Baptized Adherents				Unbaptized Adherents			Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			C. E. Societies		Contributions		
Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of Pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total Contributions
14	15	16	* 17	18	19	20	† 21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
...	...	...	64	...	...	...	64	4	1	3	8	83	...	...	850	63	913
9	66	75	173	7	...	7	180	4	4	3	14	311	...	...	2585	348	2933
...	98	98	172	...	...	...	172	...	...	3	12	101	...	...	542	139	681
1	66	67	170	7	...	7	177	...	5	1	4	45	1	35	918	331	1249
2	40	42	96	13	...	13	109	6	11	3	16	180	...	...	1378	41	1419
...	26	26	85	...	...	...	85	...	3	3	8	90	...	...	613	108	721
...	12	12	37	...	...	...	37	...	2	3	3	35	...	...	344	32	376
...	86	86	228	...	...	...	228	...	5	4	17	155	...	...	1405	232	1637
...	30	30	75	4	...	4	79	1	1	1	4	35	...	...	735	55	790
4	69	73	158	7	...	7	165	2	5	5	15	208	...	...	718	30	748
11	186	197	473	35	.	35	508	5	11	3	7	165	1	30	1352	207	1559
...	104	104	671	37	...	37	708	1	18	3	33	638	2	75	1654	605	2259
...	37	37	86	2	..	2	88	4	4	3	8	107	...	...	567	158	725
11	82	93	238	9	...	9	247	4	3	9	28	259	...	...	2458	287	2745
...	22	22	66	3	...	3	69	1	...	5	14	346	...	...	470	57	527
...	32	32	80	1	...	1	81	...	6	3	8	60	...	...	428	50	478
2	53	55	118	2	...	2	120	2	6	2	9	143	1	25	1381	107	1488
4	23	27	74	...	...	...	72	...	2	3	6	60	...	...	566	60	626
...	22	22	64	...	...	...	64	...	2	3	3	60	...	...	553	70	623
...	44	44	168	19	...	19	187	...	4	6	16	206	3	60	848	185	1033
...	39	39	106	7	...	7	113	6	1	5	14	180	...	...	776	53	829
44	1137	1181	3400	153	...	153	3553	40	94	74	247	3467	8	225	21141	3218	24359

* Includes 13 and 16.

† Includes 17 and 20.

Telugu Church Council.

Church				Officers			Communicants					
Name of Church	Date of Organization	Pastor	Language of Services	Elders	Deacons	Added by Certificate	Added by Examination	Restored to Roll	Deceased	Disciplined	Removed for other causes during the year	Number on Roll
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Cuddapah Town ...	1908	Rev. Jacob Cole ...	Telugu	6	...	...	5	...	1	2	...	18
Jammalamadugu Town	...	„ S. B. Simon ...		6	...	4	6	...	3	...	19	33
Cuddapah Sidhart Circle	1914			27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Kamalapuram, Yerraguntla.	1911			44	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	97
Kotapalle Circle ...	1909			61	...	...	...	...	7	2	3	119
Bollaveram Circle ...	...			56	...	...	6	...	...	...	3	70
Velavali Circle ...	...			51	...	...	3	...	4	...	...	64
Duvour Circle ...	...			24	...	...	3	...	2	1	...	68
Chintakunta Circle ...	...			54	...	...	6	...	2	...	...	56
Jammalamadugu Circle	...			62	...	...	18	...	4	1	3	140
Uppalapad Circle ...	1912			33	...	...	16	...	1	...	...	90
Arlagadda Circle ...	...			59	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	99
Mudiam Circle ...	...			28	...	...	8	...	5	...	...	101
Talamantchipatnam Circle.	...			56	...	...	12	...	5	1	4	115
Muddanoor ...	...			53	...	...	39	...	5	2	...	108
Palagiri ...	1914			28	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	38
Puttur ...	1912			19	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	18
Pulivendla ...	1914	Rev. K. Bhadrappa.		64	...	...	30	...	3	...	3	84
		Totals ...		731	...	4	161	...	49	11	35	1328
Gooty District ...	...	(In charge of L.M.S.)		308	...	...	36	...	5	1	3	255
		Grand Totals ...		1039	...	4	197	...	54	12	38	1583

Other members of Council—Rev. G. H. MacFarlane. Rev. J. I. Macnair.
„ L. J. Thomas. „ M. Hinkley.
„ F. L. Marler. „ A. E. Smith.
„ S. Nicholson. „ A. Rumpus.
„ H. W. Whyte. „ J. T. Todman.
„ Harman „ M. Sushila.

Secretary, Rev. S. B. Simon, Jammalamadugu

Baptized Adherents			Unbaptized adherents				Baptisms during year		Sunday Schools			C.E. Societies		Contributions		
Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Baptized Community	Adults on Roll	Children on Roll	Total on Roll	Total Christian Community.	Adults	Children	Schools	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Societies	No. of Members	For congregational expenses including support of pastor	Benevolent contributions including Missions	Total contributions
14	15	16	* 17	18	19	20	† 21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
55	39	94	112	2	6	8	120	...	1	1	2	56	1	54	167	...	167
17	33	50	83	...	5	5	88	1	4	3	10	204	1	30	232	...	232
235	76	311	321	335	135	470	791	...	2	5	5	61	1	5	...	...	...
551	188	739	836	157	125	282	1118	1	...	10	9	125	5	90	127	...	127
384	186	570	689	561	294	855	1544	12	26	8	8	124	6	102	70	...	70
432	159	591	661	280	207	487	1148	37	48	6	6	76	4	61	99	...	99
538	225	763	827	329	230	559	1386	66	109	9	9	76	5	96	150	...	150
498	106	604	672	402	334	736	1408	11	18	7	7	80	2	29	122	...	122
475	177	652	708	247	249	496	1204	2	50	11	11	160	2	36	72	...	72
543	310	853	993	249	272	521	1514	31	60	12	11	126	5	52	166	...	166
324	180	504	594	110	80	190	784	15	46	6	6	78	...	...	78	...	78
580	250	830	929	281	238	519	1448	14	22	10	10	107	4	49	130	...	130
326	123	449	550	82	90	172	722	3	28	7	7	71	3	30	67	...	67
507	270	777	892	281	171	452	1344	16	26	10	10	126	4	109	112	...	112
473	210	683	791	157	134	291	1082	16	10	10	9	94	8	135	63	...	63
329	90	419	457	162	160	322	779	...	12	8	8	120	7	69	33	...	33
368	80	448	466	242	137	379	845	30	29	8	8	123	6	119	129	...	129
690	324	1014	1098	309	290	599	1697	52	69	16	16	315	3	31	...	...	...
7325	3026	10351	11679	4186	3157	7343	9022	307	540	147	152	2122	67	1097	1807	747	2554
2038	1876	3914	4167	2062	2022	4084	8253	198	266	64	74	1595	...	...	...	...	1343
9363	4902	14265	15846	6248	5179	11427	17275	505	806	211	226	3717	67	1097	...	...	3897

* Includes 13 and 16.

† Includes 17 and 20.

APPENDIX E

Report of the Committee on References

Only two matters have been referred to this Committee. Of these, the first is a letter from the President and Secretary of the joint commission appointed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America to arrange for a World Conference of Faith and Order, addressed to Mr. K. T. Paul as Convener of the Executive's Sub-committee on Union. In this letter an invitation is extended to the South India United Church to appoint a Commission to co-operate with the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and with similar commissions appointed by a number of other churches, in arranging for a World Conference which, without taking any steps towards organic union, would yet aim at facilitating mutual understanding among the churches with a view to ultimate union. The church is also asked to appoint one of the members of its commission a member of a joint Advisory Committee.

Your Committee recommends the General Assembly to accept the invitation and to appoint the following as its commission, the first named being the member of the Advisory Committee : Rev. G. G. Brown; Mr. Paul Daniel, Rev. F. Kingsbury, Rev. G. E. Phillips ; and Mr. K. T. Paul (Convener).

2. The other matter referred to your Committee is a letter from certain members of the Tamil congregation attached to the Presbyterian Church in Rangoon, addressed to the Chairman and Secretary of the South India United Church, Madras. From other letters received and from Mr. K. T. Paul, who visited Rangoon in April, 1914, the Committee understands that it was the intention of the petitioners to approach the General Assembly with a view to having the congregation affiliated in some way with the South India United Church, with a view to securing a suitable pastor ; but that, finding that the Assembly would not be in a position to render any financial assistance, they wished rather to approach several of the associated missions.

Strictly speaking the matter is not one with which the Assembly can deal ; for even it it were clear that the petition were addressed to the Assembly, it ought rather to have been addressed to one of the Church Councils. In view, however, of the desirability of having adequate provision made for members of the South India United Church and other Tamil immigrants to Rangoon, the Committee recommends the Assembly to instruct the Executive to enquire into the situation and give the petitioners such guidance as they think necessary.

J. H. MACLEAN,
Convener.

APPENDIX F

Report of Committee on the Evangelistic Campaign

This Committee was appointed by the Executive of the S. I. U. C. in August, 1914, in response to an appeal in the "*United Church Herald*" for an evangelistic forward movement. The evangelistic movements that are proceeding with such wonderful vigour and success in China and Japan stimulated this desire in the minds of a few in South India.

The fact that it arose independently in different places, and the way it was cordially taken up all over South India and approved in England in spite of the war, left no doubt that the movement was the result of the working of God's Spirit.

It was strongly felt by both Indian and foreign Church leaders that before any definite evangelistic campaign among non-Christians could be launched, preparation of the Church was absolutely essential. It was agreed that to attempt a campaign without such preparation would lead to disaster. One of the first duties therefore entrusted to the new committee was that of helping to deepen the spiritual life of the Church and to prepare it morally and spiritually for the great task before it.

The Aim of the Committee's Work

From the beginning the aim of the committee has been to help the Church to realise its responsibility for evangelising the non-Christians, and its duty to remove from itself all hindrances to this work. The committee has regarded itself as a body charged with the duty of mobilising the whole strength of the Church in a definite evangelistic effort. It has not tried to create a new evangelistic organisation, but to make the Church itself a body of voluntary evangelists. It has kept itself ready to help the Church in these efforts, and has organized all its work with a view to carrying out this aim. With this object it has endeavoured to organise ways and means and to suggest methods so as to utilise all the available resources of the Church. The committee has no authority over the churches but acts as an advisory and auxiliary body to the Church Councils. The Church Councils and churches generally have enthusiastically co-operated with the committee to the fullest possible extent, and have done their best to carry out its suggestions. The actual work done falls under four main heads:

(1) Organization;
(2) Preparation of churches;
(3) Helping town campaigns;
(4) Production of literature.

(1) Organization

The organization of the committee itself has already been stated. For the organisation of the churches for the campaign, the committee suggested that each Council should appoint a special evangelistic committee with a convener to be known as the Evangelistic Secretary. Each church or pastorate was also asked to have its special evangelistic committee. This has generally been done throughout the S. I. U. C. The only Council which has not taken any steps is the Kanarese. We have had no official information on this matter from the Council.

The Convener of the General Committee was asked to give a portion of his time to this work among the churches; and the L.M.S. was good enough to agree to this request.

The committee also took steps to arrange for the financial side of the campaign. Some of the committee members and others expressed their willingness to go round the churches to put this matter before them during the months of April, May and June. These gentlemen spent a lot of time in the worst season of the year in doing this heavy work; and one of them became seriously ill in consequence. Much was done by their efforts and the various Church Councils promised definite sums for the campaign. In addition to this, donations were obtained from different people both in India and England. It is not possible to run a campaign of this sort without funds; and the committee would urge upon the churches the necessity of providing the money needed for its work. Some Councils of the Church have given generously, but others up to the present have done very little. If every church member would give an average of As. 2 a head, we should have from the S. I. U. C. alone Rs. 3,000. The committee trusts that the Church will make up its mind to see this thing through and to give all the money required. Efficient work demands sufficient funds. Compared with the amounts raised in China and Japan for the same purpose the amount we are asking is very small. The more the churches give, the more the committee can help them.

(2) Preparation of the Churches

The main work of the committee has been accomplished under this head. For this purpose it was suggested to all the Church Councils that Bible Study classes and Prayer Circles should be organized in all the churches. This has been done throughout the Tamil and Telugu areas. It was felt by the committee, and it is the experience of both China and Japan, that the centre of such a campaign as this rests in the spiritual power obtained by means of prayer and study of God's word. We have been glad to hear of the wonderful growth of the classes and circles and of the new spirit which they have created; and we earnestly trust that they will be continued in the future.

The Committee also arranged for the services of special speakers for the purpose of deepening the spiritual life of the Church. The American Madura Mission generously acceded to the committee's

request that Dr. Tracy's services should be lent for six months. In addition we have had the help of Messrs. Larsen, Kingsbury, Phillips, and Dr. Scudder, who have freely placed themselves at our disposal for at least one month during this year.

In order to prepare the workers and church leaders to take their proper share in the campaign, a series of conventions has been arranged throughout the S. I. U. C.

The first convention was an united one at Jaffna in which the Anglican, and Wesleyan churches joined. This was followed by the Katpadi Convention of the Arcot Mission, and the September meeting of the Madura District Conference. During the month of October a series of conventions will be held under the leadership of Mr. Eddy, who has come to South India at the request of the committee especially to help in the work of the campaign. These conventions take place at Cuddapah, Erode, Nagercoil and Trivandrum.

Dr. Tracy, Bishop Azariah, Mr. Paramanandam, Mr. Sircar, and Mr. Phillipose are taking part in the October conventions All these conventions are being prepared for very thoroughly by local committees with much prayer.

By the kindness of the Y. M. C. A. the committee has also had the services of the following special Y. M. C. A. leaders in addition to Mr. Eddy, viz., Messrs. Buchman, Sircar and Glover; and the Y. M. C. A. has also been good enough to bear all their travelling expenses. Mr. Buchman was with us in August and did very valuable service along the lines of personal work in the few places he was able to visit. He has been able to put this vital subject before us in a way that has never been done before.

(3) Helping Town Campaigns

Town campaigns have been arranged in co-operation with the Committee in Vellore, Madura, and Palamcottah. These have been enthusiastically taken up by local committees composed of representatives of all Protestant churches in the towns; and in each case one man has been set aside to give his whole time to the work of organization, preparation, and conserving results. These campaigns are to take place early in November, and Mr. Eddy is the chief speaker. In Bangalore also a United Campaign of all the Tamil churches is to be undertaken at the end of October.

(4) Production of Literature

One of the principal duties of the committee has been to arrange for the production of suitable literature for the use of the church in the work of the campaign.

A Call to Prayer by Rev. V. Santiago was first published. The Committee then undertook the publication of an adaptation to South India of the China booklet *Suggestions to Workers in Evangelistic*

Campaigns. The Y. M. C. A. authorities were good enough to give a subsidy of Rs. 50 towards the English edition.

Bishop Azariah's *Studies in Acts* were published specially for the use of Bible classes, in Telugu and Tamil. A booklet entitled *The Supreme Person and the Supreme Quest* was written by Dr. R. A. Hume of Ahmednagar specially for the Campaign, and has been published in English by the Y. M. C. A. and in Tamil by the Committee. A special pamphlet on the *Message for the week of Evangelism*, containing also lyrics composed for the purpose, was also prepared. Of this 5,000 copies have been sold. Special handbills were also prepared for the week and published at the request of the committee by the Religious Tract Society, Madras, and the South Travancore Tract Society. *A Collection of Hymns and Lyrics* in Tamil for conventions was also prepared by the Committee. A small pamphlet dealing with *Baptism and Church Membership*, has also been prepared and published for the use of enquirers. A weekly Prayer Cycle in English and Tamil was circulated among the churches. The Committee has now in hand the following literature :—

Bible Studies in Isaiah by Rev. L. P. Larsen ;

Suggestions for Social Helpfulness in Tamil, abridged from Rev. D. J. Fleming's book.

Bible Studies in the Life of Christ for village churches.

The Week of Evangelism

One of the first things the committee did was to arrange for a week of simultaneous evangelism throughout the whole area of the S. I. U. C. The object of this week of evangelism was two-fold.

First, to stimulate the church as a whole, and every member of it, to take a definite and regular part in the work of evangelism, and to help them to realise that the responsibility of this work rests on the church, and not on paid agents of any society.

Secondly, it was felt that such a definite piece of work set before the church in the near future would lead to a far more definite preparation and active service, than a long period of preparation and a vague promise of future evangelistic work. This week of evangelism is really a part of the preparation of the church for undertaking the great work of evangelism. There is a danger apparent in some quarters that this may be regarded as the climax of our work. This is a great mistake and can only result in failure and discouragement. The purpose of the committee is to create a persistent, organised and enthusiastic missionary endeavour in the whole church, among both pastors and laymen, and so to extend the Kingdom of Christ in ever increasing measure. One isolated week of evangelism is not going to do this unless it is continued and followed up from day to day and year to year. For the Tamil area of the church, September 16th to 23rd, 1915, was decided upon as the special week : and it has been observed enthusiastically. In many places careful preparation was made weeks before the date chosen. Bands of men and women,

many of whom had not taken up any definite evangelistic work for many years, were visiting the villages selected, getting into touch with the people, and striving to help them in various ways and to win them to Christ.

The Telugu Council is arranging to have the week of evangelism in December: and we would ask the whole church to remember our Telugu friends in prayer at that time.

We believe that this week of evangelism should be a yearly institution; and we propose therefore, in co-operation and consultation with other churches and missions, to issue another call in 1916. We should be very glad to hear from friends as to which are the most suitable dates.

Co-operation with other Churches

The committee decided at the very beginning of its work to invite the co-operation of other churches and missions in South India. Various steps have been taken to this end; and we can say that there is hope that in the near future this forward evangelistic movement will embrace many other churches and missions in South India. Up to the present the following are the results achieved in this field:—

The Madras Missionary Conference has definitely taken part in the campaign, and is arranging for Mr. Eddy's convention in Madras. It has also appointed a sub-committee for the purpose of enlisting the sympathy of all other churches and missions in the campaign and of finding out how they can best help it forward. Already in Madras various other churches have taken part with the S. I. U. C. in the special evangelistic effort during the week of evangelism. (Since this report was presented, the Madras Churches have united in an organisation to prepare for a campaign in the city of Madras).

We have also received cordial messages of sympathy from the C. M. S. North Travancore, Canadian Baptist Mission, American Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The Canadian Baptist Mission is arranging for a special campaign on the arrival of Mr. Walker, who has been appointed for this work. Both in this church and in the Methodist Episcopal Church special prayer was offered for our week of evangelism. The American Evangelical Lutheran Mission has appointed a committee to investigate the subject; and the Wesleyan Methodist church is arranging to bring it before the Conference at the next meeting. Most of the churches addressed expressed their desire to unite in such an effort, but felt that the time was too short to make proper arrangements this year.

Your committee is bringing the question before the Madras Representative Council, and it will be taken up in the next meeting. We hope, therefore, that it will be quite possible to arrange for a special week of evangelism in 1916 in which many churches and missions in South India will co-operate.

Rural Campaigns

One of the principal features of the committee's original programme was the planning of campaigns in rural centres. It has not been possible hitherto to make any definite arrangements for these; but the committee intends to take up this work immediately after the three town campaigns are concluded.

We believe that the rural population is the centre of things in India, and that we must make definite efforts to win them, if Christ's Kingdom is really going to come in India. We have appointed a special sub-committee for this purpose. These campaigns will need very careful organization and preparation. But we believe that the time is ripe for them. If only the whole church will co-operate in this effort and take it up carefully and sympathetically on right lines, the committee has no doubt that in many parts we shall find the rural population ready to respond to the call. It is suggested therefore that each Council select two or three centres suitable for such campaigns. In all these campaigns we wish to emphasize the peculiar importance of social service. As the Bishop of Madras has said, "*What is needed is not merely a short campaign of preaching, but a long continued campaign of good works.*"

The Thanks of the Committee

The thanks of the committee and of the S. I. U. C. are due to very many who have helped in the work, often at great inconvenience to themselves. The Committee desires that the thanks of the Assembly should be conveyed to the Y. M. C. A. for its very generous work in placing Mr. Eddy and so many other speakers at its disposal, and in bearing all their expenses; to Mr. Eddy for giving so freely of himself to the church; to Rev. L. P. Larsen, Bishop Azariah and Dr. R. A. Hume for all the help they have rendered; to the American Madura Mission for so generously loaning Dr. Tracy's services; and to Dr. Tracy himself for his exceedingly valuable work; to the M. E. Press and A. M. Lenox Press for the prompt and efficient work turned out by them for the committee; to the London Missionary Society for loaning the services of the convener; and to the Y. M. C. A. for help in publishing the English editions of "*Suggestions to Workers*" and "*The Supreme Person and the Supreme Quest*". The thanks of the Church are also due to Revs. C. N. Eames, V. Santiago, J. John for valuable help in translation work and all in the S. I. U. C. who have helped in any way.

Special Missioner

The Committee has decided that in order to continue the preparation of the churches which has been begun by Dr. Tracy it is essential that a special missioner should be appointed for a year to visit the churches and conduct meetings for this purpose. This has involved, of course, the raising of an extra sum to meet this expenditure. Towards this Mr. Eddy has been good enough to guarantee a contribution of Rs. 700 so that the Committee has only got to find the sum of Rs. 800.

The Committee has decided to ask the churches to give another Rs. 350 in 1916 in addition to the amounts already promised. The allotment of this extra sum is as follows: Madura, Rs. 100; Arcot, Rs. 50; Madras, Rs. 50; Jaffna, Rs. 50; Travancore, Rs. 50; North Tamil, Rs. 50; The remaining sum of Rs. 450 the Committee can meet from grants and collections and other means within its budget, so that the churches are only asked to contribute practically one-fifth of the amount needed for this special purpose. The selection of the missioner has been left in the hands of the Executive Sub-Committee of our Committee in consultation with Mr. Eddy. We feel that we must get the best man possible for this purpose; and we trust that both churches and Councils will be ready to allow the man who is called to take up this work for the whole church for one year. As Mr. Eddy has told us, we have got to pay the price for real success in this work and part of the price is that of being ready to set aside the best men for the purpose.

Monthly Prayer Service

The churches are requested to arrange for one of the services on the second Sunday in every month to be conducted as a special prayer service for the campaign. We feel that very much more attention must be paid to this matter of united prayer if we are to win through. The Committee would also call the attention of the churches to the weekly prayer cycle already published and to the special subjects for prayer which are mentioned from time to time in the Bulletin and in the "Herald." Mr. Eddy has been asked to prepare a small pamphlet on the conduct of such services of prayer; and we trust that this will be published within the next few weeks.

The Results of the Work in the Church

It is now a year since the call to a united campaign was issued, and the committee can therefore look back and review the result of the work already accomplished in the church itself. While the object of the campaign is not only to benefit the church but those outside, the condition of the church itself is an index to the value of the work.

1. Every one who knows anything of the work during the last twelve months will testify to *the new sense of unity* which has been created in the church. It is in this united campaign that the church has realised its unity. Travancore and Jaffna feel themselves to be one with us and have shown the reality of their feeling in many ways. A common life has throbbed in every portion of the church and a common purpose animated it. Telugu and Tamil have come together as never before.

In a certain town the S. I. U. C. churches which had never before united in one committee have joined forces for the purpose of the campaign. The campaign is welding the church into one.

2. Allied to this new sense of unity is *the new knowledge that each individual Council and church has at its back the resources of the whole*

Church. The individual church has lost its sense of loneliness. The brotherhood of the churches has been realised as never before.

3. Everywhere is seen as a result of the campaign effort *a renewed life and activity in the Church.* Churches that were asleep are waking up and many are now fully awake. Some, it is true, are still rubbing their eyes, but even that itself is a sign of better things.

As a result of this new life, many churches report old quarrels and divisions healed. We are sorry to say, however, that in some places the caste spirit is by no means scotched.

The new evangelistic impulse which has seized the church is the most remarkable of all. Many men and women who had never taken up any evangelistic work are now throwing themselves heart and soul into it. One confessed that for twenty-three years he had never felt the desire for evangelistic work until now. This is the remarkable thing, that the work is done not out of compulsion, but of desire.

4. *A new spirit of prayer and Bible study* is arising in the church. Remarkable testimony has come as to the working of the new spirit. Many a village has its early morning prayer bell, at the sound of which all who can come to the church for prayer do so, and others just kneel down right where they are and pray. Bands of intercessors have been formed in Jaffna and Madura and other places.

Men and women everywhere have been gathered into Bible classes, and much definite study of God's word has taken place. We feel, however, that there is still a great lack here. Not many classes have been organised in the villages; and many of those organised in towns have fallen off. We need a fresh impetus to renewed Bible study.

5. *The coming of woman to her own in the Church* is another of the results of the evangelistic movement. Never before has there been such co-operation in work for men and women; never such a sustained effort to get the Christian women to take their proper place in the life of the church, and to prepare them thoroughly for it. Bands of women have gone out to labour among their sisters in the villages and to win them for Christ. A new consciousness of their value and responsibility has arisen in Christian womanhood.

6. *A zeal for social service has* been born in the church. We hear of night schools started, medical help being given, efforts to get wells sunk for depressed classes, and other forms of service being taken up by the Church. When the Church has learnt thoroughly to imitate its Lord in going about unceasingly and doing good, then only will it win the hearts of India's people.

7. *A definite interest in personal work* is growing among pastors and church members. It is rightly felt that the secret of a successful campaign lies in a deeper and more self-sacrificing personal work. Mr. Buchman's visit was a great help to the church along this line: and for the first time many realised the importance of this kind of work. The Committee believes that both in the rural and in the town campaigns no permanent results are possible without much personal work both before and after the campaign. The individual church

member is beginning to get into personal touch with the individual non-Christian and is trying to understand him and appreciate his position. Many have been trying to do this during the last few months; and many have been the surprises of some of our church leaders as they have obtained a larger knowledge of the ignorance in the villages and of the culture in the towns.

8. Not the least important result of the campaign has been the *accession of many to the Christian community*. These have come, as is the custom in India, mostly in families. In places where the old mass movement had seemed to be checked it has suddenly started again, and many new villages have come over.

We may boldly say that the South India United Church is to-day coming to a consciousness of itself as a living organism, reaching out into new activities and taking into itself fresh life. It is living, growing, and working.

Evangelistic Campaign General Account

BUDGET FROM OCTOBER 1915 TO JULY 1916

	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
Balance	600	0	0	Postage and stationery ...	200	0	0
Madura	200	0	0	Writer	200	0	0
Jaffna	100	0	0	Travelling for Dr. Tracy...	150	0	0
Travancore	250	0	0	„ for Convener...	250	0	0
Arcot	100	0	0	„ for other Speakers.	200	0	0
Madras	100	0	0	Committee meeting ...	50	0	0
Telugu	150	0	0	Town and rural Campaigns	900	0	0
Foreign	500	0	0	Literature	300	0	0
Missions	500	0	0	Missioner (for the whole			
Church Councils for 1916..	350	0	0	year)	1,500	0	0
Mr. Eddy	700	0	0				
Local collections ...	250	0	0	Balance for contingencies.	150	0	0
	3,900	0	0		3,900	0	0

(*N.B.*—Some of these amounts have been already paid since the Assembly meetings.)

H. A. POPLEY,
Convener.

APPENDIX G

Report of the Committee on the Directory of Worship

The Committee on the Directory of Worship rejoices to inform the Assembly that its labours are now completed, and to lay before the Assembly the Order of Service for divine worship in English and Kanarese, and the Directory of Worship in English and Tamil. The Committee has held one full meeting during the last two years, viz., in Erode, August, 7—9, 1914. At this meeting all the various orders prepared were finally revised in the light of criticisms received from various Church Councils, and from local committees which had been formed in different centres for the purpose. The majority of the services had been published previously for information in the "United Church Herald."

It was decided at this meeting to include a Litany in the Directory. A special Litany was therefore prepared. This has been included in the Directory. In addition to this it was decided to include also selections from the Litany in the Book of Common Prayer. The nature of the selection was left to each vernacular. This has been done in the Tamil Directory.

Arrangements were also made for printing both English and Vernacular editions of the Directory of Worship. The English edition of the prose order of the Sunday service was first of all published at one anna by the "T.A.C." Press, Salem.

The Kanarese edition of the Sunday Prose Service was then published in Bangalore; and the Kanarese Committee are to be congratulated on their very neat production.

The Tamil edition of both the Prose and Lyrical Sunday services came out next, printed by "T.A.C." Press, Salem. Unfortunately there were defects in the printing, and so the book received a good deal of criticism. It was, however, published at the very cheap rate of 3 pies a copy, and so was made available for every Church member. We have reason to believe that it has had a wide circulation.

The Committee are also very glad to learn that the Lyrical Service is being more widely used. This service was thoroughly revised at the last meeting of the Committee, and is believed to be now suitable both for towns and villages. Wherever it has been used, Divine Worship has gained in both helpfulness and reverence. The English Directory of Worship has now been published by the L.M. Press, Nagercoil, and the Committee are very grateful to the Press for the care they have taken to produce a really first class book. The Directory does not include the Prose Order of Sunday Service. It was decided that it was not necessary to print this, as a large number of copies were already available. Besides, the English Directory would only be a book of reference which a few would desire to have, and nothing

would be served by including the Sunday Service in it. Only 200 copies of this Directory have been printed and they will be sold for annas 10 each.

The Tamil Directory of Worship, including all the Sunday and other services is now ready. It has been prepared with great care, and has been published by the "T.A.C." Press, Salem. They have bestowed much labour on it, and the result is a good and useful book. An edition of 500 copies has been printed. A Telugu edition of the Sunday Service (prose order) has been prepared, and is now ready for the press. The preparation of a Telugu edition of the whole Directory by the Telugu sub-committee is now in hand.

Nothing further has yet been undertaken with regard to the preparation of a Kanarese Directory, as the Kanarese members feel that there is no need for an immediate publication, in view of the Directories already available in Kanarese. As regards a Malayalam edition of the Sunday Service and Directory, the Travancore Church Council appointed a Malayalam sub-committee at the request of our Committee; but nothing further has yet been done in the preparation of a Malayalam edition.

The Committee regrets that owing to various causes, the prosecution of its work has been delayed so long; but we trust that, now that the main portion of the work has been completed, the churches of the South India United Church will find it increasingly useful in the conduct of the various services of the Church. No pretensions are made to perfection, or even to excellence, on behalf of the work done; but it can be claimed that no efforts have been spared to do the best, and that all sections of the Church have co-operated in the production of the Directory. It is not suggested that uniformity should be attained at all costs; but we do believe that the increasing use of these services will help us as a Church to realise our unity, and to act more and more as a united company of Christian workers.

The Committee make the following recommendations for the work in the future:—

1. That the publication of a Telugu edition of the Directory be referred to a Committee consisting of four members elected by the Telugu Council, and two members elected by the Arcot Council, the Telugu Council electing the Convener;

2. That the preparation of Kanarese and Malayalam editions of the Directory be referred to the Kanarese and Travancore Councils respectively;

3. That a Tamil Committee consisting of Messrs. Kingsbury, Santiago, S. Devasahayam, A. Abraham, K. T. Paul and Popley (Convener) be formed, in order to arrange for the publication of new editions when necessary, in consultation with the Executive Committee and with the various Councils;

4. That the Conveners of the several Vernacular Committees constitute a General Committee with Rev. H. A. Popley as Convener.

5. That the Assembly be requested to urge upon the Church Councils the importance of the general use of the Order of Service for public worship, and of the other orders in the Directory, emphasising their helpfulness for the maintenance and deepening of the spirit of unity among us. The Order provides a large variety of choice to pastors, and no attempt has been made at stereotyped uniformity. If this service is generally adopted, wherever a member of the South India United Church goes within our area he will be able to take part in a more or less familiar order of service and will at once feel at home.

In concluding its labours the Committee wishes to thank the Assembly and the members of the South India United Church for their patience, and for all the co-operation which has made possible the production of the Directory. The Committee trusts that when members come across faults or imperfections they will not pass sentence of blame upon the late Committee, but will note them for reference and send them to the convener of their language area committee. The Committee's task has been a very difficult one, and it realises perhaps better than any one else the imperfections of its work. It trusts however, that it may be used of God for the extension of His Kingdom and for the deepening of the life of this Church.

H. A. POPLEY,
Convener.

APPENDIX H

Report of the Committee on the "United Church Herald"

During the two years since the Assembly met at Madura the United Church Herald has continued its important work with a marked degree of success. We believe that this magazine is beginning to occupy a larger place in the lives of the people it would serve, and that it is making its influence felt throughout the land as an exponent of christian brotherhood and church union.

In March, 1914, Mr. Banninga resigned his position as Business Manager, and Mr. J. H. Lawson, Manager of the A. M. Lenox Press, Pasumalai, was elected to fill the vacancy.

About the same time Rev. J. H. Maclean resigned the chairmanship of the managing committee, and Rev. J. J. Banninga was elected to fill the vacancy. The other members of the Committee elected at the last General Assembly have continued to serve.

The Manager's report for Vol. VI, (April '14—March '15) is as follows :—

"I have the honour to submit herewith the accounts for Volume VI of the Herald. This includes a list of individual payments as per receipt books, payments by advertisers as per receipt books, press bills as per vouchers, miscellaneous items, and a summary of the whole, showing a credit of Rs. 1,091-9-1 to be carried to Volume VII.

Receipts.	Amount.			Expenditure.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By balance from Volume V.	713	2	6	To Telugu Edition ...	281	12	0
„ Subscriptions ...	1,297	10	6	„ Tamil and English ...	1,623	0	0
„ Advertisements ...	918	10	7	„ Miscellaneous ...	92	10	0
„ Mission Subsidies ...	450	0	0	„ Lenox Press ...	72	13	0
				„ M. P. House ...	32	11	0
				„ Editors	185	0	0
				„ Balance to Volume VII.	1,091	9	0
Total ...	3,379	7	7	Total ...	3,379	7	7

" Following is a detailed statement of the various areas as regards subscribers :—

Mission.	Tam.	Tam.-Eng.	Tel.	Tel.-Eng.	Total.	Last Vol.
Madura ...	237	209	...	...	446	532
Ceylon ...	9	56	...	...	65	62
Arcot ...	111	42	50	9	212	280
Scotch ...	85	64	...	...	149	178
London ...	308	168	290	42	808	840
Miscellaneous ...	16	37	18	20	91	...
Hon. and Foreign ...	...	21	...	...	21	149
Exchanges ...	2	27	3	16	48	...
Advertisers ...	...	17	...	...	17	75
Total ...	768	641	361	87	1.857	2,116

" The above table shows a falling off in every department except for Ceylon. And yet, whereas the receipts from the above are Rs. 1,297-10-6, last year they were Rs. 1,188-6-6. The advance payments in this year's account are smaller both in number and in amount than those of a year ago. In the middle of the year when the " Heralds " were sent out by V.P. Post there were a great many refusals, even after due notice, with a statement of account, was sent. All such were immediately dropped from the list. This has resulted in economy and a healthy list of subscribers, though smaller in numbers.

" In conclusion I wish to thank those who have honoured me with this work of the past year. Though arduous, it has been a real pleasure."

(Signed) J. H. Lawson.

It is very gratifying to note that the balance in hand at the opening of the new financial year was so large. This is a goal that we have been aiming at for some time. This amount is absolutely necessary as a working capital during the first half of the year, before the subscriptions come in. It will be noticed that the balance carried forward this year is the amount of the Mission subsidies minus Rs. 71-11-5, which is really the deficit for Volume VI. This fact however reveals a very satisfactory state of affairs, as there is no other paper of the same size published in India at so low a rate of subscription. Since there is now in hand a working balance of over Rs. 1,000, the Committee is of opinion that the subsidies asked for from the Mission may be greatly reduced, and therefore recommends that for Volume VII, the Missions be asked to contribute only Rs. 300 instead of Rs. 600. This amount will be apportioned in the same ratio as the former amount. Were it not for the war and its depressing effect on business in Madras, the income from advertisements would easily

make it possible to do away with the subsidy ; but we believe it would not be wise now to incur a deficit and be compelled to draw on the reserve the first year it is in hand.

The Editors wish to thank all who have helped them by contributing articles and reviews to the pages of the "Herald." They fully recognise that the time of most of the contributors is very fully occupied, and that it is in many cases a great achievement to have obtained an article. The Editors have no hesitation whatever in asserting that whatever success the "Herald" has achieved is due entirely to this co-operation. They hope that in the future the same sympathy and kindness in this matter will be extended to them and to the Magazine. They will be very glad indeed to receive suggestions as to the conduct of the paper from any of its readers.

It is proposed in the future to have an assistant editor who will be responsible for the Tamil portion of the Magazine, under the supervision of the general editor of the Tamil and English edition. Mr. M. S. Taylor, who has for several years done much good work in connection with the Tamil Edition of the Magazine, has been asked to take up this work ; and we are sure that in his capable hands the Tamil edition will become more useful to the churches as a whole. Rev. Eames will continue as Christian Endeavour Editor, a position he has filled for the last three years with helpfulness both to the Church and to the Christian Endeavour Movement.

At the beginning of the war in September, 1914, it was decided to publish a weekly supplement of war news in Tamil called the "Varathoothikai." The circulation of this supplement reached 1,000 a week ; but after 6 months the interest abated, and the circulation fell very considerably, until it reached 400 only, at which figure it was impossible to issue it at the low rate charged. It was therefore decided to discontinue publication. The account for the "Varathoothikai" closed with a small balance in hand of Rs. 26-6-4, which will be transferred to the "Herald" account.

The Committee would earnestly ask all subscribers to read the "Herald." It is true that in these days of many papers, it is impossible for every one to read everything ; but we urrge the reading of the "Herald" for the following reasons :—

1. It is a small paper and only takes a short time to read ;

2. The Articles are contributed voluntarily by the leaders of our Church, and it is only fair to them that they should be read ;

3. The articles deal with subjects of great importance that are vital to the development of the Indian Church, for the sake of which we all are working. It is therefore essential that those who wish to keep in touch with the problems of the Indian Church and their suggested solutions should read the "Herald."

The Committee is very glad to report that the present editors and manager are willing to continue their work for a further period of service.

In view of the special interest attaching to the evangelistic Campaign, we recommend that the Tamil edition of the "Herald" be increased four pages in size, and suggest that this space be used for campaign purposes.

During the past year the Editor was able to offer two prizes of Rs. 15 each through the generosity of the late Rev. Dr. J. H. Wyckoff, who from the beginning took a deep interest in the "Herald" and contributed very largely to its success.

J. J. BANNINGA,
Convener.

APPENDIX I

Report of the Committee on Work for the Young

At the meeting of the General Assembly held in Madura in September, 1913, a Committee on Work for the Young was appointed upon the recommendation of the Committee on Life and Work. It was thought that the need for special work for the young people and children in our churches was so important that it was well worth while to have a special committee for this field.

The past two years have been decidedly a period of preparation for the work of this committee; and there is little of real result to report. The statistics and remarks on the condition of the work of the Sunday schools and Christian Endeavour Societies, in the report of the Committee on Life and Work presented at this meeting of the General Assembly, reveal a state of things that calls for the appointment of a thoroughly representative committee, with sub-committees in each Council.

A review of the work done by the Sunday School Union and its Madras Auxiliary, and by the India Christian Endeavour Union, reveals possibilities of co-operation that must certainly result in much good to the young in our churches.

The subject of Sunday schools and Christian Endeavour literature also needs attention, and much could be accomplished by cordial co-operation with other bodies interested in the same work.

But after all the main efforts should be carried on in the local church. It is there that plans and efforts usually fail to accomplish their highest ends; and we believe that most careful provision should be made to strengthen the hands of the pastors and workers in the villages, so that they may have at hand the knowledge of conditions and methods necessary to a successful work among the young.

We therefore recommend (1) that the General Assembly appoint a Committee of nine members, one from each council, who shall be charged with the duty of studying the conditions of the field, and making provision for a large increase in efficiency in our work for the young; (2) that each Church Council be asked to appoint a similar Committee for its area, to work in co-operation with the General Assembly's Committee. It is suggested that the member from each Council on the General Assembly's Committee be the Convener of the Committee for his Council; (3) that the Assembly's Committee carry out the suggestions of the Committee on Life and Work regarding a further detailed study of the facts reported by that Committee, and devise means to remedy them; (4) that the Assembly's Committee further investigate the questions of organizations now at work, of literature in use and available, of successful methods in use in given areas, and other conditions now prevailing in the churches; (5) and that

the Assembly's Committee approach the Sunday School Union and the Christian Endeavour Union and kindred organisations and special workers with a view to securing their co-operation in this work.

We are grateful to God for the great work that is being done, and for the thousands of children who are growing up in the nurture of the Lord; but we believe that much more can be done with a more perfect organisation in our Committee, and with efficient co-operation from the several councils.

J. J. BANNINGA,
Convener.

APPENDIX J

Constitution of the South India United Church

I. *Name.*—The South India United Church.

II. *Object.*—To bind the Churches together into one body with a view to developing a self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating Indian Church, which shall present a united living testimony to Christ, and worthily represent to the world the Christian ideal.

III. *Confession of Faith.*—

NOTE 1.—*As the Confession is a human instrument, it is understood that persons assenting to it do not commit themselves to every word or phrase, but accept it as a basis of union, and as embodying substantially the vital truths held in common by the uniting Churches.*

1. We believe in one God, who is a personal spirit, the Creator, Sustainer, and Governor of all things; infinite in love, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. We acknowledge the mystery of the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that God, who manifests Himself in Creation and Providence, and especially in the spirit of man, has been pleased to reveal His mind and will for our salvation in various ways with ever-growing fulness, and that the record of this revelation, so far as needful for our salvation, is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are therefore to be devoutly studied by all; and we reverently acknowledge the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures to be the supreme authority in matters of faith and duty.

3. We believe that all men are made in the image of God, and are brethren. We acknowledge that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, having in manifold ways offended against God's good and holy law; and that out of this condition no man is able to deliver himself.

4. We believe that, to save man from the guilt and power of sin, God the Father in His infinite love sent into the world His only begotten Son, who alone is the perfect incarnation of God, and through whom alone men can be saved; that the Lord Jesus Christ through words of grace, and through His perfect obedience even unto the death of the cross, did reveal the Father, and by His life, death, and resurrection did establish a way by which men may obtain forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life; that the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, maketh us partakers of salvation, enlightening our minds, convincing us of our sins, persuading us to accept Jesus Christ, and working in us the fruits of righteousness.

5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has established a Church for the realization of the Kingdom of God, in which Church all who follow Him in sincerity are members, and that He entrusted to the

Church the duty of making known to all men the Gospel of salvation through His name. We also believe that He instituted the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead, and in a Judgment through Christ whereby all shall receive according to the deeds done in the present life, whether good or bad.

NOTE 2.—*The South India United Church reserves to itself the right to revise its general Confession of Faith whenever the consensus of opinion of the United Body demands it.*

IV. *Constitution.*—

1. The South India United Church administers its affairs through Local Churches, Church Councils, and a General Assembly.

2. LOCAL CHURCHES.—A Local Church is a company of believers regularly organized, and assembling statedly for public worship. Its officers are a Pastor, set apart by ordination for preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, and Elders or Deacons chosen by the Church, who with the Pastor constitute the Session or Church Committee. To the Local Church belongs authority to manage its own affairs either by the whole body of members, or through its Session or Church Committee. It examines and admits persons to the communion of the Church; grants and receives letters of transfer and dismissal; exercises discipline; provides for the preaching of the Word, and for the administration of the Sacraments when the Church is without a Pastor; has the care of the Sunday School and of all evangelistic work carried on by the Church; and appoints delegates to the Church Council. So long as a Church has official connection with a Mission, the Mission has the right to appoint a representative on the Session or Church Committee.

3. CHURCH COUNCILS.—A Church Council is composed of all the ministers, and lay representatives of the Churches, within a defined district. To the Church Council belongs the oversight and care of the Churches within its bounds. It organizes, disbands, and recognizes Churches; ordains, installs, dismisses, and disciplines ministers; gives counsel and aid to churches and unorganized companies of believers; decides references and appeals regularly presented; maintains order; carries on evangelistic work; and appoints representatives to the General Assembly.

Each Church Council shall adopt its own system of Rules, it being understood that such Rules shall not conflict with this general scheme of union. Two or more adjacent Church Councils are at liberty to form themselves into a Synod for mutual help and effectiveness of work; or for similar reasons a Church Council may be divided into two or more Local Councils; but in either case the unit of representation in the General Assembly shall be the Church Council and not the Synod nor the Local Council.

4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—The General Assembly, which shall meet once in two years, is composed of representatives, ministers and

laymen, appointed by the Church Councils, each Council being entitled to one minister and one lay delegate for every three regularly organized Churches. The General Assembly is the representative body of the South India United Church, and its Counsellor. It assumes no authority *per se* over the Churches; but will consider references that come to it through and with the approval of the Church Councils. Its general duties are :—to advise regarding the organization and boundaries of Church Councils, and to decide all matters referred to it by such Councils; to co-operate with the Missions in carrying on evangelistic and other Christian work; to unite in cordial fellowship all the ministers of the churches and promote their intellectual and spiritual development; to tabulate statistics of the Churches and publish a biennial report; to devise ways and means for strengthening and advancing the interests of the whole Church.

NOTE 3.—*This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Church Councils connected with the Assembly. An amendment must first be recommended to the Assembly by one or more Councils.*

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